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BUSINESS DULL.

PESSIMISM REGARDING CANTON LOAN.

BANK NOTE VALUES.

Dosing Search Bureau Being Closed Down.

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY BANDITS REPORTED CAPTURED.

While a certain amount of pessimism prevails in Canton with regard to the outcome of the negotiations concerning the \$10,000,000 loan for the Government, the value of the official banknotes has suddenly appreciated, the reason for which is not clear. On the other hand, "end of the year" business is very dull.

Officials who have not been supporters of the prevailing faction for long are losing influence and old friends of General Li Chai-sum are likely to return to power.

In the sphere of wider political issue, the Canton Government seems bent on pursuing its own policy. Allies at Hankow of the ruling faction in Canton have not come to terms with Nanking.

Encouraging features are reported from West River ports, such including movements to end the irritation caused at Dosing and to wind-up the anti-foreign trade organisation at Wuchow.

Train bandits who brought off a coup on the Canton-Kowloon line last week are stated to have been captured.

LI'S OLD FRIENDS.

Rumours are still current in Canton city that the Leftist faction is striving to make use of the disgruntled labour element, following the Government's campaign against a large number of unions.

Veiled threats of impending strikes have been made but nothing has materialised so far. No danger from the Ironsides is reported. Official intelligence is that the Ironsides are far inland, in the upper reaches of the Han River basin, close to the Kiangsi frontier, but armed "Red" bodies are still roving about in the hinterland of Swatow.

Trouble has broken out in the Namhung district, in the north of Kwangtung province, but the outbreak is strictly local.

"Generally Quiet."

Various proposals to call up the \$10,000,000 loan are being considered. News in Hong Kong is that parties down here which might possibly be interested are likely to be "sounded." A former pro-Kwangsi finance minister is about to resume office and the present Police Commissioner, who only recently joined the Kwangsi faction, is reported to be about to resign.

Generally, Canton is quiet and the administration is confident except for the financial stringency.

TRAIN ROBBERY.

"Over 20" Men and a Woman Arrested.

Several articles of gold jewelry were found on a Hakka woman who was arrested by the Canton authorities in a series of raids following the robbery of the slow (through) train to Kowloon last week.

Parties of police and soldiers set out from Namkung station, near the scene of the robbery, about 20 miles east of Canton. The number of arrests is given as "over twenty." As there were less than thirty robbers on the train, almost the whole gang must have been accounted for.

Armed patrols are now posted on the engines and carriages of the Canton-Kowloon Railway and, according to a report, it is the intention of the authorities to put armoured protection on the engines in future, if arrangements can be come to with the British section of the line.

THE WEST RIVER.

Closing Dosing Search Bureau.

Better understanding between the Kwangsi military faction, in power at Canton, and the mercantile communities, is leading to the removal of trade obstacles which have existed for months.

Various reasons have been adduced for the decision, attributed to the Canton Government, to abolish the search bureau at Dosing, which is 27 miles below Wuchow, on the West River.

River shipping companies have gone to the extent of avoiding the port so as to prevent friction with

the Government bureau's searches, but officialdom retaliated by encouraging a boycott at another West River port.

Date Postponed.

News has reached Hong Kong that the Dosing bureau was to have ceased work, on orders from higher authorities, on Jan. 10, but the date has been postponed. Steamers to Canton are not concerned with Dosing. Wuchow is the seat of the Kwangsi provincial Government of which General Wong Shui-hung is the head, the latter being a colleague of General Li Chai-sum of Canton.

SORES HEALED?

Kwangsi Faction's Relations With Nanking.

Shanghai, Yesterday. Differences between Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's "new" Nationalist Government at Nanking and the Kwangsi military faction do not appear to be so acute.

General Pei Chung-hsi (one of the Kwangsi faction's big four, and a colleague of General Li Chai-sum of Canton) has approved of General Hsiung Shih-hwei taking over the post (in succession to him, Pei) of Defence Commissioner of Shanghai and Wusung.—British Naval Wireless.

The Opposite View.

Chinese reports from political circles state that General Pei Chung-hsi has obtained \$150,000 from Hankow merchants with which to wage war against the Hunanese armies which formerly supported the now defunct Wuhan Government.

Nationalist armies, in co-operation with General Pei's and other Kwangsi units, are stated to be moving southward from Hankow, for a drive against Hunan, presumably because negotiations have failed and the Nationalist leaders at Hankow are still at loggerheads with Nanking.

FOREIGN TRADE.

Merchants Protest Against Seizures.

Chinese merchants at Wuchow are making joint representations to the Kwangsi military faction against the continued activities of the Association which exists to hinder foreign trade.

It is alleged that the Association—with the boycott for so long a matter of the past—is still obtaining about \$10,000 a month in revenue, this sum being from "seizures" and "fines" for so-called infringements.

Feeling is growing that anti-foreign trade movements having ceased at Canton and Shanghai, merchandise arriving at Wuchow should be subjected to search no longer.

EXPORTS HIGHER.

Wuchow's Favourable Trade Balance.

The "Kung Sheung Yat Po" gives some interesting trade figures regarding the "favourable

PIRATE ROUND UP.

Smart British Work On Yangtze.

SHIP RESCUED.

Sharp Measures Against Gang Caught Red Handed.

Shanghai, Jan. 13. How strategy and initiative combined in the rounding up of a band of pirates, thought to be some of the now notorious gang which captured Captain Lator for ransom on the middle Yangtze, is shown in a narrative which came to hand yesterday from reliable sources.

On December 18, H.M.S. "Teal," proceeding downriver between Ichang and Hankow, on her way to Shanghai, received information that three lighters belonging to Messrs. Butterfield & Swire had been captured by bandits in the vicinity of Temple Hill which is about 40 miles south of Shashi. The "Changning," another B. & S. tug which had managed to escape when the hold-up occurred had given the signal for relief after arrival at Chenglin. Meanwhile the bandits were devoting but a share of their attention to the three lighters, which they looted mildly, as they were busy with other operations, notably on the Wantung and the Haijing, two cargo-craft thought to belong to Young Brothers. The latter they captured and sent down river as transport for six of their number who had been wounded, when some other upriver vessel, thought to have been Japanese, dashed into their activities.

An Uncompleted Job.

That the bandits thought to return to the three lighters was fairly evident as they had by no means made a thorough job of their piracy. In the meanwhile, however, the "Teal" arrived late on the afternoon of December 18, and about two hours later the "Changning" under convoy of the "Mantis." The "Teal" thereupon started downriver with the "Changning," the three lighters and an A.P.C. craft.

Having arrived at No. 7 Crossing, known to be a dangerous point on account of a swan's neck curve in the river, it was found advisable to anchor for the night, but it developed that the "Changning" and her tow would have to go a little further downriver for anchorage, as their anchors would not hold in the immediate vicinity of the "Teal's" anchorage. They put up for the night, therefore, about a quarter of a mile away, but not before a small armed guard had been sent on board from the "Teal," with instructions to thwart any further attempts on the part of the bandits thereabouts.

The following morning the party started downriver, but rounding the curve the vanguard received a peppering of fire from the bank where presumably the same bandits as those which had first attacked the "Changning" were established, awaiting an Italian steamer which have into sight as the firing began. Then the "Teal" talks.

To the consternation of the desperadoes, fire was returned by the armed guard from the "Changning," and they took to flight back to the village which lies along an embankment at this point in the river, and were well down on the river's bank when they started their attack. As no resistance had been anticipated by them, proved in the fact that they had no look-out posted to advise them of the rapidly approaching "Teal," their surprise was complete. Then the "Teal" opened fire on the village, as the "Changning" and lighters swung out into the stream. Eleven rounds of six-pounder and more than 600 rounds from Lewis guns were involved in the surprise-party as a reminder to the bandits that the moment was not auspicious for plying their trade. The houses of the village were mostly "matchsheds and the extent of damage could not be ascertained, but it was plainly evident that a large percentage of the shells burst upon impact.

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trade balance" for Wuchow during December, 1927. An "association for economic advancement" issues returns every ten days. Those for the second and third parts of last month were:—

Second period:—exports \$921,787.50; imports \$804,227.72. Third period:—exports \$887,259.67; imports \$196,835.83.

SPY MANIA.

Trial at the Old Bailey.

EVIDENCE IN CAMERA.

Russia Blamed For Dangerous Conspiracy.

At the London Central Criminal Court to-day Thomas Cartney, a British subject, and George Hansen, described as a German student, were charged with espionage.

Sir Douglas Hogg, Attorney-General, prosecuting, said that the evidence which would be given by four witnesses was of so serious a nature that it would be necessary to hear it in camera.

Outlining the case, the Attorney-General narrated how an attempt had been made to use Mr. Monkland, an underwriter at Lloyd's, as a medium for obtaining important information regarding the British Air Force.

McCartney gave Mr. Monkland a questionnaire on a subject emanating from Russia, and showed Mr. Monkland a letter from the chief Russian espionage agent in London for information supplied to the Russian Government. Mr. Monk-

FRESH AND FINE.

North-east winds, fresh, fine to cloudy, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow. The anticyclone is central over south Manchuria; another has formed over China. Fresh monsoon may be expected along the south coast of China and over the North China Sea.

land immediately reported the matter to the authorities and, acting under instructions from the War Office, gave certain information to McCartney, which was obsolete and misleading. Mr. Monkland continued his communications with McCartney and eventually met Hansen, who proved to be a Russian spy. Then the authorities, having established that McCartney and Hansen were engaged in a dangerous conspiracy against the State arrested them.—British Wireless Service.

MATRIC-AWARDS.

WINNERS OF EDWARD VII SCHOLARSHIPS.

The two King Edward VII Scholarships to be awarded on the results of the Matriculation Examination held in December, 1927, and tenable at the University from 1928, have been awarded to the following candidates:—

T. C. Payne, Central British School.
Li Kai-yeung, Queen's College.

As a quick sequel to this, information was passed on to H.M.S. "Cricket" further down that the Haijing, which the "Teal" had passed on her way to the relief of the party of lighters but which had given no signs of distress, should be given chase. This was done, the "Cricket" overtaking the "Haijing," speedily and the bandits on board were captured and the "Haijing's" release effected forthwith.

WUHU BOYCOTT.

Local Opinion On Anti-British Agitation.

Wuhu, Yesterday. Agitators here have called a mass anti-British meeting here for Tuesday (to-day) but little importance is attached to the affair in local circles.—British Naval Wireless.

(Note: Wuhu is a Yangtze treaty port in Anhui province. Although it is only 55 miles above Nanking, the central Nationalist Government exercises little control there. The local Nationalist General has been keeping the revenue to himself and has had trouble with higher and foreign officials. Possibly the local government is allowing agitators more or less rein in order to keep away internal opposition.)

TO MARCH ON FENG.

Peking Government's Campaign.

CHIHLI CONCENTRATION.

Big Sword Movement Spreads In Manchuria.

Their line being cleared as the result of Chochow (which was besieged for two months) having been recaptured, the Peking Government appears to be preparing for a thorough campaign against the Kuominchun, the army of Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang (the "Christian General").

According to an overnight cable, large bodies of Fengtien troops are being concentrated in the south of Chihli province, around Shunteh and Taming, about 80 miles south of Peking.

At present the Fengtien armies have practically a clear run from Peking southward along the Peking-Hankow Railway to the south of Chihli.

Other troops will be concentrated along the north bank of the Yellow River for the campaign, states the "Kung Sheung Yat Po."

"To the Bitter End."

Shanghai, Jan. 13. In the course of a telegram to his Shanghai representative, General Yen Shi-shan, the Model Governor of Shansi province (an ally of the Nationalist Government), states that he has sworn to continue the fight against the Fengtien Party (in power at Peking) and to oppose them to the bitter end.

Gentry's Ideas.

Peking, Yesterday. Peace talk in North China continues. The gentry of Shansi, Shensi and Kansu provinces have formed an association to promote peace throughout North China.

The aged statesman, General Wang Shih-chen, is attempting to bring about a compromise between Shansi province and the Fengtien Party, and has dispatched a delegate to Shansi urging peace.—Reuter.

Captured General's Views.

Shanghai, Yesterday. General Yu Chen, of the Peking Government, who is a captive in Shansi province, expresses the view in a letter to his wife that Shansi is not bitter against Peking. The Fengtien Party desires General Yu Chen to act as a peace delegate.—"Kung Sheung Yat Po."

BIG SWORD CORPS.

"Complete Anarchy" in Manchuria.

Mukden, Jan. 11. The "Ta-Tao Hui" or the "Big Sword Corps," which withdrew to Pataokiang, their base of operations, a few days ago, are again pressing hard upon Tungghwa.

The Tungghwa Wall is now surrounded by the "Big Sword Corps" and both telegraphic and telephonic communications have been completely interrupted by the insurgents.

Complete Anarchy. According to reports to the Chinese Police Board here, the members of the "Ta-Tao Hui" have risen in revolt against the authorities all over the Tung-Fientao district, and their influence is rapidly extending.

Many policemen are resigning at various places in the district owing to the influence of the "Ta-Tao Hui" and the scanty pay they receive, and some places are in a state of complete anarchy. Fearing that these facts will cause considerable uneasiness among the provincials, the authorities in such localities are endeavouring to cover up the truth.—Toho.

NANKING HARD-UP.

Bolshevik Agents Work Against Chiang Kai-shek.

Shanghai, Yesterday. Difficulty is being encountered by the Nationalist Central Government at Nanking in raising the money required for several pressing purposes.

Another difficulty is the presence of Bolshevik agents who are busy circulating propaganda against Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and the Government at Nanking, which he is sponsoring.—British Naval Wireless.

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BOXING TIT BIT.

International Contest at Lee Theatre.

FIGHT FOR A BELT.

Iron Box To Meet Portuguese Scrapper At Catch Weights.

[By "The Tramp"]

An attractive international contest is likely to be one of the tit-bits Manager "Josh" Brook will stage at the next tournament of the Hong Kong Boxing Association, which is to take place on Saturday, February 4, at the Lee Theatre.

The participants will be Jose Pinto da Silva, of the Portuguese Navy, and Iron Box, the local fighter who is well known to all enthusiasts, and the scrap will no doubt be one of ten rounds' duration at catch weights.

Met at Macao.

These lads have met before, in Macao, and according to those who saw the fight, are well matched. There they put up a great show and were hard to separate throughout the ten rounds. Pintos da Silva had Bux down a few times and once Iron had his man right out of the ring. The result was given as a draw.

The Portuguese scrapper has, I am told, a good record. He was champion of South Africa not very long ago, and is a fighter who can stand a lot of punishment. He is now here on a Portuguese transport which came in over the week-end.

Championship Contest.

The next programme will also contain a Championship and Belt contest. Signalmen Morris, of H.M.S. "Argus," is meeting Marine Hornsby, also of the "Argus" for the middleweight crown. Both men have tilted against Donald Duncan, and both lost. Both, nevertheless, are sterling boxers, as their records show, and local fans know quite well what Morris can do.

There are other good things in view for the next tourney, so it should prove a thorough success. At the Lee Theatre this time there will be an ample supply of ringside seats as was the custom at the Theatre Royal.

Mr. R. M. Dyer.

An item of interest is the fact that the President of the Association, Mr. R. M. Dyer, returns to the Colony at the beginning of next month, just in time for the February tournament.

DONALD DUNCAN.

General Duncan's Whisper of Name Sakes.

London, Yesterday. "The Americans have made boxing the principal sports in Shanghai; they think nobody in the world can touch them at this game," said Corporal Donald Duncan, Royal Marines, welterweight champion of Shanghai, in an interview at his home near Bedford.

"In my seven fights against Americans I found them good sports. Their crowds fell for me, too."

Corporal Duncan described the audiences at his fights as "wonderful." They numbered thousands, composed of all nationalities under the sun. "When an American won the Americans went mad, but they always treated me jolly well."

Two things he appreciated above all others that happened in Shanghai—the first was a leader in a local paper on the keenness of his second fight against the American, Braunstein, and the absence of harracking by the vast international audience; and the second was Major-General Duncan's smile and whispered "Namesakes" when he congratulated the Corporal before he left.—Reuter.

\$10,000 Reward Offered.

Peking, Yesterday. On Sunday morning bandits attacked the Yuanhsien police station near Tungghwa, killing the Chief of Police and capturing several rifles. The bandits are reported to be attempting to control the prefectures of Tungghwa, Lin-kiang and Yu-an.

The Tupan of the border regions is offering \$10,000 reward for the capture of each of the ringleaders.

Marshal Chang Tao-lin has ordered General Wu Chun-sheng to despatch a further 1,500 troops there and to direct operations himself.—Reuter.

ADMIRAL WINS.

Judgment In Motor Vessel Case.

DISPOSAL OF SHIP.

Mr. Alabaster Asks For Sale of M.V. "Julian."

His Honour the Chief Justice gave judgment for plaintiff this morning in the case which concerned a claim by a Chinese naval officer against the owners of the motor vessel "Julian," now lying at Yumati Typhoon Anchorage. The claim was for \$6,147.50 for necessities, including cost of structural alterations, missing costs, and wages for crew, provided.

Plaintiff is Admiral Ching-wen Hsu, now residing at the Tsung Shun Hotel, Connaught Road Central, and he is represented by Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., instructed by Mr. Gordon Leask. Mr. F. C. Jenkins, instructed by Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones, appeared for the owners of the motor vessel.

His Lordship said that Mr. Jenkins, who appeared for the defendants, did not challenge the propriety or character of the expenditure as being necessities, though he did comment on the absence of vouchers; but his objection is, in my opinion, satisfactorily met by plaintiff in his evidence. The plaintiff stated that in July, 1925, he was sent by the Coast Guard Administration of the Peking Government to Pratas with orders to construct a Meteorological Station there; and that from July, 1926, to March, 1927, he was in charge of the Station at a salary of \$300 per month.

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OIL WAR.

STANDARD OIL COMPANY'S POLICY.

REPLY TO CRITICISMS.

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ALMEIDA PINHEIRO,
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Macao, 20th December, 1927.

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comfortable. The trams are decorated
with vases of daffodils, and a
polite request to visit the bulb
fields. This is for the visitors.
For the natives there is an equally
polite request, not a buttonhole to
betake. The second-class railway
carriages seat three a side like our
firsts. There was, perhaps, a time
when three Dutchmen a side was
all a railway carriage would hold,
but that is all changed. Holland
to-day is swift and athletic. This
does not include the Amsterdam
Jew, who is as nearly egg-shaped
as it is possible for a human being
to be.

A Transformation.
In the Amsterdam Station I saw
a train decant about 300 bob-haired,
short-skirted lassies. When they
stampeded for the uitgang the
whole platform became a whirl of
spidery legs. Some years ago a
Danish agricultural official told me
proudly that in six months, to meet
a change in the British taste, the
Danish pig was made over from a
rangy, long-backed, rasher-yielding
creature to a short, plump, kalpy-
ginous porker with a maximum
yield of ham. By some subtle process
the Dutch girl has made herself
over in the opposite direction.
She used to be sturdy and plump.
To-day she is long and thin. I
suppose she has exchanged Dutch
cheese and Amstel beer for cock-
tails and the Charleston. Certainly
for the Charleston, which is more
than a fashion. In a narrow
street in Amsterdam—what would
have been a slum in England—I
saw a dozen wee, hockey-nosed
girls Charlestoning to a sort of
hurdy-gurdy. One was the funniest
little creature imaginable—a
Javanese-Chinese-Dutch plectaniny
with a dash of Semite, if you can
imagine such a mixture.

Apologies of Java, there is no
doubt that the Javanese are ex-
ercising a strong influence on Dutch
art and architecture. One sees
everywhere in the newer buildings
a style or ornament that may be
called "Sophisticated-Barbaric."
On the magnificent bank building
there were pediments decorated
with skulls. Probably the archi-
tect was a reformed head-hunter.

Artistic Brickwork.
I should say that in architecture,
certainly in domestic architecture,
the Dutch are 75 years ahead of
us. We still build hideously when
we use brick, though brick is still
our standby. The Dutch have
made a fine study of artistic brick-
work. If they ever had a jerry-
builder they have disposed of him.
On his hand is still heavy. Our
only alternative—the stucco box—the
Dutch will have none of. Regent
street, London, is now probably
the most terrible example in
Europe of meaningless architecture,
of a period that is wobbling un-
easily between Victorian sedateness
and luxury and the threat of the
skyscraper complex. The only in-
fluence that might have produced
something good—our post-war
penury—has been ignored. Holland
is building its large and most
public and other buildings of brick.
They represent the spirit of the
age, are good to look upon, and
cost about half as much as our out-
of-date dreams in stone.

Life Worth Living.
A wider thought obtrudes. If
we had more Bolshevism (meaning
thereby the mania for exchanging
old things for new) in the arts, we
should probably have less in politics.
It threatens our political system
which is worth preserving. It
would do no harm to our aesthetic
ideals which for the most part are
not. One gets in Holland the im-
pression that life must be better
worth living there—provided, of
course, you are Dutch—than in
England. Certainly they are pro-
perous and healthy. They are be-
coming athletic, too. Tennis courts
are being laid out everywhere and
hockey is becoming popular.

Among the young the "Paddlers,"
as they call their Scouts, are be-
coming very numerous. In the
streets one sees no surly faces.
No discontented voices are raised.
The police are a mere formality.
Cleanliness prevails. There is ap-
parently no unemployment. Prices
are high and taxes heavy, but I
saw no slums, no beggars, and,
though I roamed the poorer streets
of both Amsterdam and the Hague,
no "drunks."

Work For All.
The explanation is simple, but
rather disquieting. There are not
enough people in Holland to get
under each other's feet. There is
still enough of everything to go
round. If Holland had to-morrow
to find work for a hundred thou-
sand unemployed, it could be done
in a dozen ways, since Dutch in-

MONEYLENDERS.

GLOWING TRIBUTES BY
RELATIVES.

ALL BENEVOLENCE.

Moneylenders are sentimental,
generous, upright people, the sort
of men who are kind to animals and
who love to pat little children on
the head.

I didn't know this refreshing
fact until recently, writes R. E.
Corder in the "Daily Mail," when
at the Thames Police Court, I
heard a succession of moneylenders,
all wearing their hats, apply for
certificates under the new Money-
lenders' Act which came into force
on January 1.

Under the new Act moneylenders
have to bring evidence of character,
and this is no idle formality.

Not only are the "friends in
need" put through a searching ex-
amination by the magistrate, but
also a police inspector who has
made exhaustive inquiries attends
to ask awkward questions.

Director and Treasurer.
Mr. Sharpe, who sat at Thames
Police Court, gave the money-
lenders a very uneasy time in the
witness-box.

The first one, who carried his
old, framed certificate under his
arm, said he was the managing
director of a company.

"You are sure it is not a one-
man company?" asked the magis-
trate.

"No, there is also the secretary.
He has invested £750 in the con-
cern."

"And who is the treasurer?" in-
quired a police inspector.

"No treasurer is needed in a
limited company," answered the
moneylender sweetly. "I, as man-
aging director, hold all the money."

The inspector, having some in-
formation up his sleeve, asked for
and obtained an adjournment of
the application.

Model Citizens.
But the evidence of character
was wonderful. A first cousin of
the moneylender put wings on the
shareholders of his relative, whom
he represented as a man kind of
heart, upright in conduct, a model
citizen.

"You have not borrowed money
from him?" asked the magistrate.

"No, thank heaven," said the
faithful cousin hastily.

"As a dairyman he was loved by
everybody," declared a witness on
behalf of a man who had changed
his job from milk selling to money
lending.

"And he is very well liked by our
congregation," observed a neigh-
bour. "Indeed, he is a tower of
strength."

"Ever borrow any money off
him?" inquired the clerk.

"Not yet," replied the witness.
"Pep-Pees-Road."

Another good, kind moneylender
said he lived in Pep-pees Road.
"How do you spell it?" asked Mr.
Mr. Sharpe.

"Pep-pees," said the benevolent one.
"Peeps, man, peeps," corrected
the magistrate; and the money-
lender looked helplessly at the usher
with the air of one who did not
deserve to be the object of epithets
from the bench.

Pawnbrokers who are money-
lenders too have also to obtain a
new certificate under the Act; and
one of the applicants at Thames
Police Court recently was a solicitor
who, as sole surviving executor
and trustee, administered a pawn-
shop in Mile End Road, which has
carried on business for nearly 100
years.

The manager has been employed
for 44 years, and a tailor from next
door who gave evidence of charac-
ter has been in business for 50
years.

This new Act is doing much good
even though it comes into force,
because shady moneylenders can-
not pass the severe double test of
the police and the court.

The additional work put on
magistrates is very heavy, but they
have the satisfaction of knowing
that they are rendering excellent
public service.

According to information from
Chinese circles, four Chinese banks
in Tientsin, including the Bank of
China and the Bank of Communi-
cations, have agreed to advance a
sum of \$200,000 for the conserva-
ncy of the Hai Ho river. An
agreement between the parties con-
cerned was to be signed a week
ago. It is predicted by the experts
in connection with conservancy
affairs, that navigation along the
river will be resumed by March
next. The depth of the river water
is now thirteen feet, one foot deeper
than during last month.

dustrialism has still a large reserve
of potential development.

My experience on returning to
my native land was unpleasant.
The train was an hour later, and
it took them an hour and a quar-
ter to serve breakfast, most of
which was cold. I felt that the
over-population of our island could
not be to blame for that, but it
may be. In any case we do not
seem to be able to do anything
about it.—EX.

STRANGE STORY.

DOCTOR WHO LET A
MAN DIE.

MISERY IF HE HAD LIVED.

A remarkable story of why he
allowed a man to die without
attempting to save his life was told
by a doctor at a Sheffield inquest.

The inquiry concerned the death
of John Robinson, a master asphalt-
ter, of Brinsworth Street, Atter-
cliffe, whom he had been attending
for chronic dropsy.

Robinson's housekeeper said that
she gave him a sleeping draught
and later found him a sleeping
and later found him apparently
asleep in bed. As his condition did
not improve she telephoned for the
doctor. A drawer in the room had
been tampered with.

Dr. A. T. Simpson said that
when he called at the house he
found Robinson suffering from
laudum poisoning. He was con-
vinced that the best thing to do was
to let the man die, and death
occurred three hours later.

Nothing Could Save Him.

"We could," he said, "have done
nothing to save the man, as it was
impossible to get the laudanum out
of his stomach, and even then I
would have hesitated to try to bring
him wilfully back to life, as if he
had lived his life would have only
been a misery."

The Coroner: Is that what you
really think?—Yes. I have thought
this case over very seriously and
have come to the conclusion that
many other doctors in the city will
agree with me.

Dr. Carter, the police surgeon,
expressed the opinion that death
was due to natural causes, chiefly
dropsy; but Dr. Simpson, recalled,
adhered to his view that the cause
was laudanum poisoning.

The coroner adjourned the in-
quest for the contents of the
stomach to be analysed.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

COMMISSION'S STUDY FOR
15 YEARS.

HOUSEHOLDERS' DUTIES.

Since that anxious period, about
60 years ago, when the heir to the
British throne nearly lost his life
by typhoid fever, the energies of
engineers, chemists and biologists
have been unremittingly directed to
the problem of sewage disposal.
For more than 15 years a Royal
Commission, appointed in 1898,
studied the matter, with the aid of
competent experts, and issued a
long series of pregnant tomes em-
bodying the results of their labours.
These dealt not only with current
practice, but with laboratory re-
search and experimental work on a
large scale.

The results so far obtained are
of great and permanent value, but
they do not include the discovery
of any simple and cheap way of
purifying sewage in the numerous
cases to which the fundamental nat-
ural methods of discharge upon
suitable land or into large volumes
of water are not applicable. All
such cases could be efficiently dealt
with by appropriate special
methods, but very often only at an
impracticable cost. For this reason,
even in these favoured islands, the
soil, air and waters are, in many
districts, polluted by casual
mishaps, drainage, and the provi-
sions of the Public Health Acts pro-
hibiting overflow or seepage from
cesspools, are widely disregarded.

With a pressure supply of water
and a cesspool constructed in ac-
cordance with the law, a household-
er in every urban district in Eng-
land, and in all districts in Ireland,
has the duty imposed on him of
pumping or bailing out and then
disposing of all the drainage of his
house.

A brief calculation—evidently
never made by the Parliamentary
draughtsmen—shows that this is
an almost impossible task. It is
seldom attempted. The usual prac-
tice is to pass on the difficulty to
Dame Nature, by permitting illegal
seepage or overflow. Fortunately,
when neighbours or wells are not
seriously affected, this system
serves tolerably well. The best ar-
rangement, however, and one which
is legal, provides that the overflow
and seepage shall take place
through an adequate length of
open-jointed pipes laid at a moder-
ate depth in a garden or field.—
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MOUNT EVEREST.

A CONTROVERSY RECALLED
FROM INDIA.

COL. WOOD RETIRES.

Colonel H. Wood, of the Survey
of India, who has recently retired
after many years service, will be
remembered chiefly in connection
with the controversy in regard to
the identification of Mount Everest
and Gaurisankar.

In 1908 Lord Curzon, Viceroy of
India, obtained the consent of the
Nepal Durbar to the deputation of
Colonel Wood, who then held the
rank of Captain, to visit Katmandu
to ascertain whether Mount
Everest and Gaurisankar were
identical. Captain Wood headed
the expedition, and as the result
of his observations the separate
identity of the two peaks was
established.

In 1904 Captain Wood published
a report on "The Identification and
Nomenclature of the Himalayan
Peaks, as seen from Katmandu
Nepal" and the conclusions which
he expressed have since been fully
confirmed by the recently com-
pleted survey of Nepal.

Tsangpo Exploration.
At the conclusion of the Tibet
Expedition in 1904 Captain Wood
accompanied Captain Ryder in his
survey expedition behind the water-
shed of the Himalayas from
Gyantse to Simla when the course
of the Tsangpo in Tibet was ex-
plored to its source.

From 1905 to 1914 he was for
the greater part employed in
topographical parties in Poona,
Berar and Bangalore.

In 1914 Colonel Wood, who then
was a Major, was sent on deputation
with the Filippi Scientific Ex-
pedition to the Karakoram, and
explored the headwaters of the
Yarkand River, and for his service
received official recognition by the
King of Italy, was awarded the
order of the Crown of Italy, and
also the Silver Medal of the Royal
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Kutsang (3,643) British from Calcutta, Singapore, Jardine's—635 passengers, 3,140 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 3,620 tons general (through).

Mentor (4,778) British, from New York, Manila, B. & S.—2,473 tons st. ralls for Hong Kong, 900 tons general cargo (through).

Klungchow (1,540) British from Bangkok, Hong Kong, B. & S.—16 passengers, 1,200 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Pres. Lincoln (8,359) American from Los Angeles, Shanghai, Dollar—422 passengers, 1,029 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 2,966 tons general (through).

Pres. Grant (8,405) American, from Manila, Dollar—578 passengers, 30 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 2,498 tons general (through).

Tjitaroom (5,775) Dutch, from Sourabaya, Balikpapan, J.C.J.L.—214 passengers, 1,063 tons general cargo Hong Kong, 2,406 tons general (through).

Sungshan Maru (1,503) Japanese, from Canton, N.Y.K.—150 passengers, 150 tons general cargo (through).

Tokai Maru (1,412) Japanese, from Haiphong, Port Courbet, Y.K.K.—2,000 tons coal (through).

Aki Maru (3,871) Japanese, from Yokohama, Nagasaki, N.Y.K.—268 passengers, 615 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,314 tons general (through).

Tak Hing (101) Chinese from Macao, Hoo Hing—65 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Departures.

For Singapore:—Cremier, Siestan.

For Amoy:—Shansi.

For Swatow:—Hydrangea.

For Canton:—Shantung, Yak Shing.

For K. C. Wan:—Chung Hing.

For Macao:—Tak Hing.

For Saigon:—Shun Chik.

For Shanghai:—Pres. Grant, Nellore.

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For Canton:—Hsin Lee.

For Swatow:—Sungshan Maru.

Shipping Abstract.

	Arrivals	Departures	Port.
British	4	6	19
Japanese	3	0	9
Chinese	1	3	18
Dutch	1	1	6
American	2	1	1
Mexican	0	1	0
Norwegian	0	1	0
Panama	0	0	1
Portuguese	0	0	3
	11	12	66

ILLEGAL BOARDING.

For boarding the s.s. "Kut Sang," berthed at No. 2 wharf, without the master's permission five men were fined in the Marine Court this morning \$10 each, or failing that 10 days' hard labour.

SHIPPING MERGER.

EIGHTY VESSELS IN BIG DEAL.

FOR PACIFIC TRADE.

San Francisco, Jan. 7.—President Roth, of the Matson Company, to-day confirmed that the Matson Company and the American Hawaiian line were contemplating a merger if successful in their joint bid for the vessels recently offered for sale by the Shipping Board.

Seattle, Jan. 6.—The "Post-Intelligencer" sees the probability of a gigantic merger for the operation of 80 vessels on the Pacific in advance received here to-day stating that the American Hawaiian and the Matson companies were bidding jointly for the 38 ships which the Shipping Board recently advertised for sale.

The 38 vessels are being operated in the three major routes of the Pacific: the American Australia Orient, the American Oriental Mail and the Oregon Oriental lines. The bids will be opened by the Shipping Board on February 10.—Associated Press.

MONSTER LINERS.

SHIP BIGGER THAN THE "MAJESTIC."

Monster liners overshadowing even the mighty "Majestic" will be built in the near future. At a meeting held in New York the other day Mr. P. A. S. Franklin, President of the International Mercantile Marine, let it be known that the projected White Star ship will be larger than the "Majestic" and he therefore advised the building of new liners on the Hudson River to provide berth for vessels of very great length. As the "Majestic" is 955 feet over all, the new White Star vessel is expected to approach 1,000 feet.

Meanwhile Sir Ashley Sparks, the resident director of the Cunard Company in New York has stated that "the next big ship we build will take the shine out of everything afloat." In connection with discussions on the ship berthing problem at New York it has leaked out that the North German Lloyd liners "Bremen" and "Europa," now under construction, will each have a length of 957 feet. If this figure refers, as apparently it does, to the distance between perpendiculars, the total length cannot be less than that of the "Majestic." Evidently, therefore, the new German liners are very big ships indeed and it is rumoured that they will establish a record in speed.

It is known in shipping quarters that Italy is planning to build the largest liner in the world, while France has in view a ship exceeding 950 feet in length. It would appear, therefore, that we are on the eve of striking developments in ocean transport.

Formerly a well-known coasting steamer, the "Halmun" is reported to have been re-sold recently for \$46,000, the buyer being a Mr. Lo. Years ago, the "Halmun" was one of the Douglas fleet but has been run by Chinese for some time.

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Messrs. Harland and Wolff, Ltd., launched on November 24 from their South yard, Belfast, the "King John," a motor cargo vessel, for the King Line, Ltd. The "King John" is the fourth of nine motor vessels at present building at Belfast for the same owners, and has been constructed to meet the requirements of the Board of Trade and Lloyd's 100-A1 class. She has a straight stem and cruiser stern, and her principal dimensions are:—Length b.p. 400 ft., breadth moulded 54 ft. 6 in., depth 34 ft. 8 in., gross tonnage 5,180.

The double bottom extends the whole length of the ship, and is arranged for carrying oil fuel, lubricating oil, fresh water and water ballast. There are seven W.T. bulkheads, which divide the vessel into eight watertight compartments. The five cargo holds are provided with 10 derricks worked by 10 3-ton electric winches, and the hatches are of sufficient capacity to meet the Board of Trade requirements for carrying grain. The masts are of the telescopic type, and are suitable for navigating the Manchester Ship Canal.

The officers and engineers are accommodated in deckhouses, and the dining-saloon, paneled and framed in light oak, is arranged to seat 12 persons. The crew are berthed aft on the upper deck.

All the engine-room and deck auxiliaries are electrically driven, and include windlass, warping winch, cargo winches, steering gear, and all the pumps and other auxiliaries in the motor-room. The heating throughout is electric, and two electrically heated water boilers and an electric hot press are installed. There is a wireless installation of the latest type and a very efficient system for illuminating the decks when taking in or discharging cargo, and also the usual navigation lights to the latest Board of Trade requirements.

The propelling machinery consists of one Harland-B. and W. six-cylinder four-cycle engine-actuated Diesel engine. The engine has forced lubrication throughout, oil also being used for piston cooling, while the cylinder jackets are water-cooled. Compressed air for the fuel injection is provided from a three-stage air compressor mounted at the forward end of the engine, and driven off an extension of the crank shaft, and a small emergency steam-driven compressor is fitted. Manoeuvring air is stored in two steel reservoirs at a pressure of 25 atmospheres.

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MANTUA	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MONGOLIA	10,504	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
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ADMIRAL WINS.

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The plaintiff also stated that he collected some revenue in respect of licences issued locally; and as a matter of fact possession of the "Jullin" was acquired for the purpose of the Pratas Station through the alterations made in the terms of a licence issued to a Japanese subject of the name of Makuushita Kuichiro to fish in Pratas waters. The licence originally agreed to pay at the rate of \$12,000 per annum for a period of five years; but this payment was reduced to \$2,500 per annum in return for the transfer of the "Jullin" to the Pratas Station.

Owing to Plaintiff.
As a result of this matter of financing the Pratas Station the plaintiff said that he was on January 31, 1927, a creditor against it to the extent of \$7,778.35, in February, 1927, to the extent of \$9,890.11, and at the end of March, 1927, when his connection with the Station ceased, his claim against it amounted to \$12,788.55.

He admitted, in cross-examination, that the amounts that go to make up his "Jullin" claim appeared in the accounts submitted to the Coast Guard Administration for January and February, 1927, that he kept a running amount with the Administration, and that he looked to them for payment of the amounts owing to him; and that even in the last account furnished to that Administration, and dated March 30, 1927, he claimed against them for those amounts, including expenses incurred in respect of the "Jullin".

I therefore find for the plaintiff for the amount he has claimed in the action, with costs.

Another Matter.
There is one other matter to which I must shortly call attention. The writ in this action was issued on June 10, 1927, and appearance on behalf of defendants was only entered on July 5, 1927, under protest; and by notice of motion, dated August 9, 1927, the defendants applied to set aside the writ of summons, the warrant of arrest and also subsequent proceedings in the action, on the ground that the Court had not jurisdiction therein. The time for bringing on this motion was, on the application of the defendants, extended by order of November 22, 1927, until December 10, 1927, but the motion was brought to a hearing and no point as to the jurisdiction of the Court to entertain this action was raised by the defendants at the hearing. In these circumstances, I do not propose to say anything more on this particular aspect of the case.

Sale of Ship.
Mr. Alabaster applied for an order for the sale of the ship. His Honour said that perhaps some money had been paid into Court. The question of the sale of the vessel could be raised in Chambers in a fortnight's time.

COASTAL CHANGES.

MOVEMENTS IN SHIPS' PERSONNEL.

Mr. D. H. Maxwell, from reserve, has gone acting second engineer, "Huichow".

Mr. J. Said, second engineer, "Huichow", is on reserve.

Mr. J. A. Craig, from Home leave, has gone sup'y chief engineer, "Kinyuan".

Mr. A. B. Bowler, sup'y second engineer, "Hsin Peking", has gone second engineer, "Sheng-king".

Mr. A. Jeffrey, from reserve, has gone third engineer, "Wuchang".

Mr. G. Cormack, sup'y chief engineer, "Ngankin", has gone sup'y chief engineer, "Hsin Peking".

Mr. J. W. Anderson, second engineer, "Wosung", has gone second engineer, "Ichang".

Mr. C. L. Frampton, second engineer, "Wanliu", has gone second engineer, "Wosung".

Mr. D. C. Sinclair, chief engineer, "Shengking", is on reserve.

Mr. A. McGregor, sup'y chief engineer, "Hsin Peking", has gone chief engineer, "Shengking".

Mr. W. Gordon, second engineer, "Tungting", has gone second engineer, "Tungting".

Mr. G. W. Clark, second engineer, "Tungting", has gone second engineer, "Tungting".

Mr. J. A. Murphy, second officer, "Tuckwo", has gone acting chief officer, same ship.

Mr. L. Bones, chief officer, "Tuckwo", is on Home leave.

Mr. G. W. Russell, from Home leave, has gone chief engineer, "Kiangwo".

Mr. J. Rennie, chief engineer, "Kiangwo", is on reserve.

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The s.s. "Anjou", a small river steamer, is likely to be diverted from the Hong Kong-Kowloon to the Hong Kong-Wuchow run, states a vernacular report.

U. S. SHIPPING.

ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION BY CANADA.

New York, Dec. 21.
The Maritime Exchange recently presented a memorial to President Coolidge, alleging that Britain, Canada, and Australia are discriminating against American shipping and urging American retaliation. The petition cited as an instance that Canada required that cargoes to Canada must be forwarded via Canadian ports, in order to obtain preferential duties. It also referred to the arrangement by which cattle shipped from the United States via Canada might remain in England for fattening before slaughter, whereas cattle sent from the United States had to be slaughtered immediately they arrived. The petition also alleged that Australia gives preference to merchandise from Canadian ports on the Pacific over goods imported from American ports on the Pacific.

SHIPS AND COAL.

THE ONSLAUGHT OF THE DIESEL.

We have already referred editorially to the valuable paper recently delivered by the Netherlands Steamship Company's superintendent-engineer, Mr. S. L. Visker, to the members of the North-East Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders, on the subject of higher steam pressures in reciprocating marine engines. On that occasion we dealt with the paper from the engineering point of view as affecting the propulsion of smaller ships. We now return to the question from the coal owners' standpoint. It will be remembered that one of the underlying thoughts which prompted the Netherlands company to embark upon the series of experiments which led to conversion of their steamer "Borneo" was that once the Diesel engine had firmly established itself for marine purposes, the prices of oil fuel would increase disproportionately to the advantages gained. Hence, the search for a coal-fired plant which would be able to command plentiful supplies of cheap fuel. During the course of the discussion which followed the reading of Mr. Visker's paper, the value of such experiments from the coal owners' point of view was touched upon by Mr. Summers Hunter, who expressed the view that if the coal owners would assist the engine builders in the same way as the oil producers had assisted some Diesel engine builders we would be in better position to utilise our greatest asset, coal. Not only would we be making better use of every ton of coal sold for bunker purposes, but there would be a shrinkage in the number of orders going out for Diesel-engined ships, which would result in favour of steam.

Many thousands of tons of shipping now burn oil instead of coal, and the coal owners would be well advised, in their own interests, to get busy and endeavour to produce, in concert with the marine steam engine builders, a more efficient and cheaper type of steam plant. They would thus largely increase the market for British coal both at home and at the bunkering stations established abroad at points where there is not a supply of native fuel. We feel sure that engine builders like Mr. Summers Hunter would be only too glad to co-operate, but it is scarcely fair to leave the cost of all the experiments to be borne by the engine builders, to the ultimate benefit of the coal owners. Concerted action is necessary, and vigorous action at that. Both the coal owner and the engine builder are feeling the drought caused by the onslaught of the Diesel; if they will get in touch with each other, and produce a cheaper and more efficient steam plant, then we can safely say that better times are in store for both of them, while incidentally they will earn the practical appreciation of the shipowner.

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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Mantua" from Hong Kong arrived in London on January 13.

The B. I. s.s. "Takada" left Singapore for this port on January 18 at p.m., and is due here on January 20 at a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" arrived at Shanghai yesterday at 7.30 p.m. left Shanghai to-day at 8 a.m., and is due at Hong Kong on January 19 at 11 a.m.

She will leave for Manila on January 20 at 5 p.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Khyber" left Singapore for this port yesterday at 4 p.m., with the outward English Mail, and is due here on January 21 at about 4 p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" left Yokohama for Vancouver on January 13 at 5 p.m., and is due at Vancouver on January 22.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" (Capt. A. J. Halley, R.N.R.) will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on January 25.

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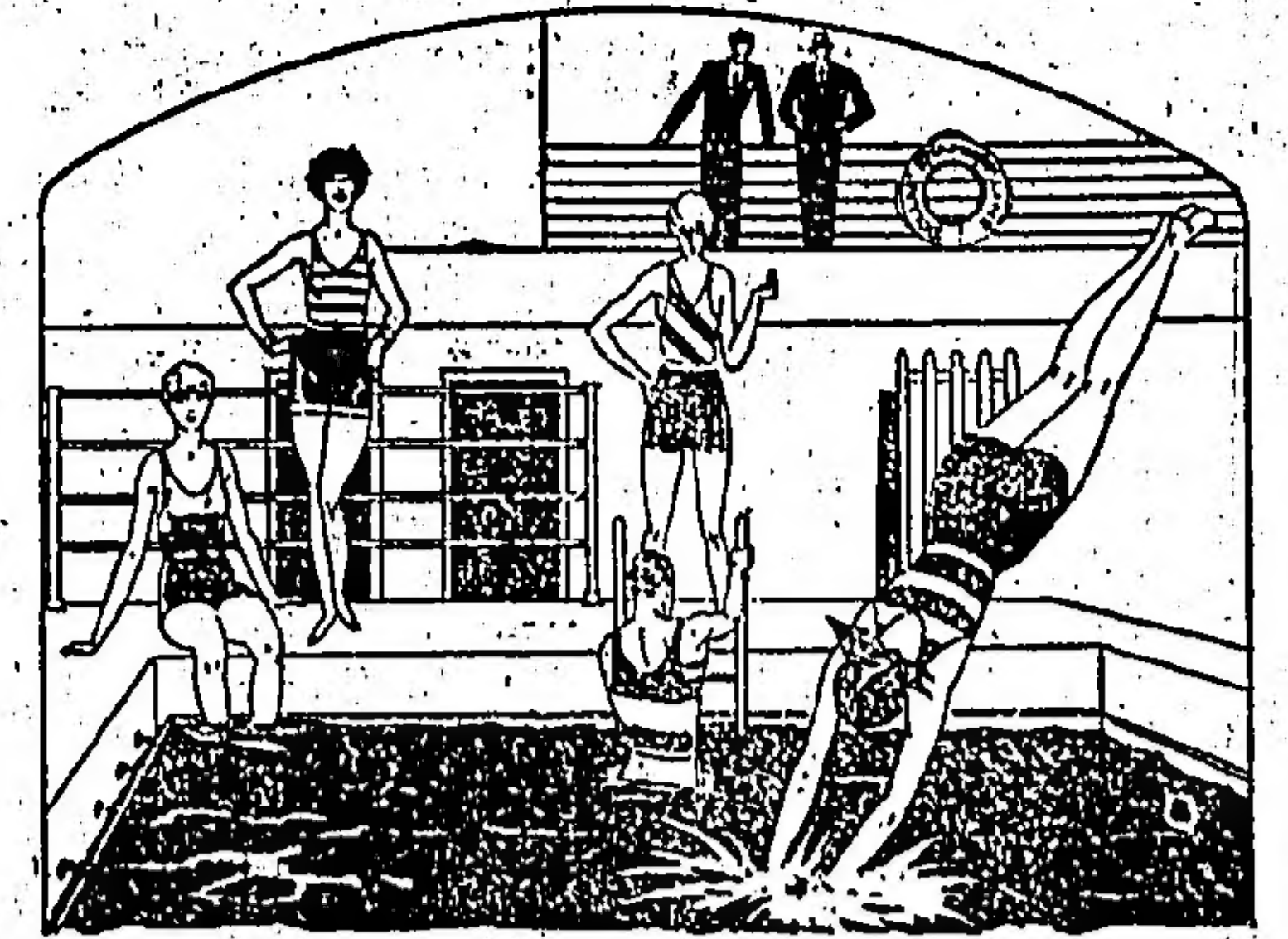
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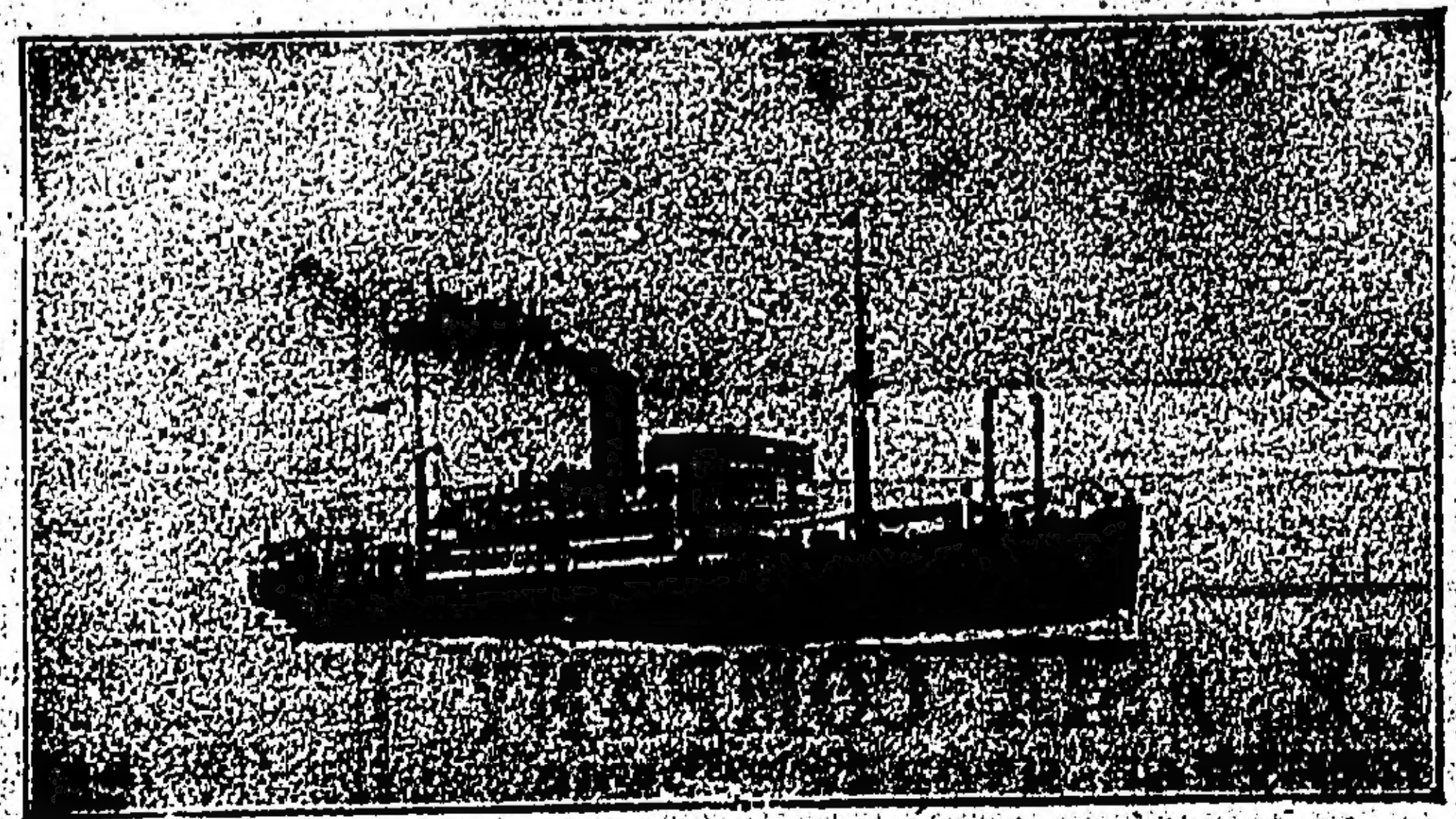
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MARRIAGE.

BATHURST—GIBB.—On Novem-
ber 30, 1927, at All Saints'
Church, Maidstone, Edgar,
youngest son of Capt. and
Mrs. H. Bathurst, late of
China, to Betty Deborah
Blount, second daughter of
Dr. and Mrs. J. Aldington Gibb
of College Road, Maidstone.

Hong Kong, Tuesday, January 17, 1928.

PIRACY CONDONED.

Not much is heard these days re-
garding ridding. Bias Bay and
neighbourhood of the pirates that
are known to thrive there. True
the matter is one which was re-
ported to have received the atten-
tion of the Diplomatic Body at Pe-
king and also the recently re-es-
tablished Kwangsi faction in Canton.
Nothing, however, has been done
and no programmes of a punitive
or repressive nature have been out-
lined. Future outrages, maybe,
will be treated as those in the past,
by isolated action on the part of
the British authorities. The fact
remains that the more this problem
of piracy prevention is considered
the harder of solution it becomes.
In this connection it behoves us, we
think, to draw attention to what is
more than a side issue. This is
the brazen condonation of piracy
by certain firms of British and
other foreign origin, in the Canton
Delta and at river ports generally.
These firms are concerned in the
exploitation of a certain commodity
which has a ready sale in the
interior of China, a commodity
which the Chinese, from peasant to
rich man, have been taught to re-
gard as an essential. In order that
their goods may pass with safety
from aboard ship to their destina-
tion the pirates receive from the re-

presentatives of the companies de-
finite sums as "squeeze," or tribute.
This unlawful and undesirable prac-
tice has been in existence for some
while. Many people outside the
companies concerned know about
it; maybe the Chamber of Com-
merce and the Government know
about it. Whether so or not, it is
a custom which should cease, for
whilst piracy is thus supported
there remains small hope of its
eradication and small hope of Chi-
nese assistance in clearing the Bias
Bay nest.

R.A.T.'s Record.

In spite of the troubles in China,
where for the last couple of years
boycotts, labour troubles, and civil
war have combined to militate
against the Company's operations,
the British American Tobacco Co.
has emerged from its last year of
working with a wonderful record
of business done and profits earned
greater than in any year in its re-
markably successful history. The
profits available for distribution
total the enormous sum of \$6,354,-
006, and while these alone give
some conception of the magnitude
of the concern, it has to be noted
that they do not include the com-
pany's proportion of the undivid-
ed profits of the associated com-
panies which such companies have
not thought fit to declare as divid-
ends. The result is all the more
remarkable, having regard to the
fact that so recently as 1923-24
profits ranged around \$4,866,000.
In 1925 the \$5,000,000 mark was
crossed, followed by a comfortable
margin over the round \$6,000,000
a year ago. Last year, it will be
remembered, states the "China Ex-
press and Telegraph," that this
great company paid to its share-
holders a capital bonus of 25 per
cent., so that the maintenance of
the Ordinary dividend at 25 per
cent. means the distribution to
shareholders of a sum approaching
\$1,000,000 more than was so ab-
sorbed a year ago. The carry-
forward is also a quarter of a million
more. In the balance-sheet the
chief changes are a reduction from
\$8,589,000 to \$5,590,000 in the
amount of loans to associated com-
panies and an increase from \$16,-
900,000 to \$20,100,000 in the
amount invested in associated com-
panies, which movements would
seem to suggest that loans of as-
sociated companies have been con-
verted into a more permanent form of
capital in the hands of the parent
company.

A DEAD CHINESE.

The police discovered at 8 o'clock
last night the body of a Chinese
male aged between 30 and 35 under
the bridge above the Pokfulam re-
servoir. The man, who had the ap-
pearance of a Peak chair-cooler, had
been murdered and the body was
badly mutilated. The remains were
removed to the public mortuary.

A lecture on "Fra Angelico" il-
lustrated with lantern slides was
given at the Helena May Institute
yesterday by the Rev. Father Flinn,
S.J. There was a good attendance
of interested listeners.

AFTER 14 YEARS.

CHINESE FARMER RETURNS TO
COLONY.

SENT TO JAIL.

A Chinese named Wong Chi was
this morning charged before Mr.
Roger Edward Lindell at the
Central Magistracy with returning
to the Colony after having been
banished for a period of 20 years
on May 18, 1914.

The accused said that at the time
he was sent away he understood
that he was being banished for ten
years only.

Asked for the accused's record,
Sub-Inspector Vincent, in charge of
Police Records, said that the ac-
cused did six weeks in 1912 for
stealing and was banished for five
years. He returned the following
year and received six months' jail
after which he was banished for 20
years.

The Magistrate asked how the
accused was arrested as surely no
one could recognise him after 14
years.

Sergeant McWalter said that the
Chinese policeman who arrested the
accused had received information.

Had A Farm.
The Magistrate asked the accused
if he had in fact believed that he
was banished for ten years, why
should he wait for 14 years to
elapse before returning.

The accused said that he was
farming in the country during the
period of his banishment, and was
so comfortably situated that he did
not want to come back to Hong
Kong. Later, however, he was
forced to leave his farm as the re-
sult of the activities of bandits in
the district in which he had settled.
Sentence of six months' hard
labour was passed.

RICH BY CHANCE.

ST. PETER'S Y.M. CLUB
DEBATE.

VALUE OF LUCK.

The subject of an interesting de-
bate at the St. Peter's Church
Young Men's Club last night was
"That a man becomes rich as a re-
sult of chance rather than ability
or industry." Mr. N. V. Halward
presided, and there was a good at-
tendance of members of the Club
and their friends, including Sir
Robert Ho Tung.

The affirmative was led by Mr.
P. Sands who cited many instances
in which men had become rich
through mere chance. He said that
opportunity comes to every man
whether or not he was industrious
or had the ability and it was mere-
ly a question of grasping it.

Had To Work Hard.
Dr. F. Ashton, leading in the
negative, said that the world's rich-
est men had made the best use of
their opportunities to turn them
into money and for this, they had
worked hard and assiduously. He
quoted Bacon "If a man would look
carefully, he'll find fortune. For-
tune may be blind but not in-
visible." To look for fortune one
must work and have the ability to
work.

Mr. T. Price, seconding Mr.
Sands, said that Henry Ford ac-
quired his vast millions not through
industry or ability, but through
chance. It was his good fortune to
have people tell funny stories about
his "tin Lizzies" that caused Ford
cars to gain so much popularity.

Mr. A. E. Lea, seconding the op-
position, gave various statistical
figures of the vast sum of money
left behind by men who had work-
ed hard and had the ability to work.
He said that 200 years ago rich men
were scarce, but to-day they are
numerous.

Put to the vote, the affirmative
won by 23 to 17.

AFTER A SMOKE.

DOCTOR HELD UP AND
ROBBED.

A doctor of Chinese medicine
named Ng King-yuen reported to
the police that some time about
11.15 p. m., yesterday, his flat on
the second floor of No. 384 Shanghai
Street was visited by three men
who represented that they wished
to rent a vacant cubicle. Ng in-
vited the men to smoke opium and
they accepted. After the smoke,
one of the three men suddenly
produced a revolver and held up the
host. The others quickly bound
and gagged Ng, and then the trio
proceeded to ransack the flat. They
stole clothing and money to the total
value of \$111.50 and then decamp-
ed. It was some time before Ng
was able to release himself and give
the alarm, and by then the robbers
had made good their escape.

Capt. J. C. MacLeod, F.R.G.S.,
late of the Straits Steamship Co.,
has been appointed to a Government
post in the Harbour Master's De-
partment at Penang.

SAYING "GOODBYE."

HOW DIFFERENT PEOPLE
DO IT.

"CROCODILE" TEARS.

The "Yellow Dragon" for Decem-
ber, full as ever of good things,
contains the following under the
caption "On Saying 'Good-bye'"
and over the initials "K. E."—

It has been truly said that there
are a million ways of doing any one
thing; this is certainly correct
where leave-taking is concerned.

The Italian proverb has it that
to say "Goodbye" is to die a little,
and one has only to witness a Latin
bidding farewell to realise that
whether he believes the saying or
not, he lives up to it. He may be
parting with his wife in the morn-
ing; he may be seeing his brother
off on a railway journey of half a
dozen miles (and it is notorious
how one loves one's brothers); he
may be saluting the retreating but
resplendent figure of Mussolini; he
may be paying for his vino bianco
with a ten-lira note; conceivably he
is merely quitting a cafe acquaint-
ance. Whatever the occasion the
procedure is the same: hands on
heart, his Borsalino clutched fever-
ishly, his eyes well with tears,
and in a voice which vibrates with
the highest emotional genius of
Duse—"Addio." The world is end-
ed, the sun has ceased to shine, and
all is gloom and despair, hopeless
and pathetic. And the next
minute? But there is no need to
spoil a touching picture with nar-
rating the harsh reality of a short
memory. The whole show is mere-
ly part of his theatrical make-up—
as essential as his ridiculous point-
ed patent-leather shoes, as neces-
sary as his black shirt, and with
about as much meaning.

I once saw a German priest at
Munich Railway Station—he was
speeding some twelve of his flock
on their way to Ober-ammergau; I
was also bound in the same direc-
tion. He packed them into the
same compartment as myself—and
then, horror of horrors, he realis-
ed Me—an Auslander, a heretic,
possibly a pagan. Out he bundled
them, to my infinite relief, and then
the farewells began. "Remember
not to stay up late at night. Talk
to no strangers, particularly for-
eigners (his with a baleful look in
my direction). Look out of the
windows on the way, one should
never neglect an opportunity of ac-
quiring knowledge and information.
Observe well the play, but don't
pay more than three marks for a
set of post-cards, or five if they are
coloured." The whistle blew. "Auf
wiedersehen! See that that door
is firmly closed, the train is mov-
ing. Karl Ludwig you are sitting
on the lehrerwart sandwiches!"
The train was now moving rapidly,
and my last remembrance of him is
a fluttering black robe careering
down the platform frantically wav-
ing a mysterious parcel wrapped in
a newspaper, containing, alas, I
know not what.

The scene changes to a loved
familiar spot—Paddington. It is
the day before the beginning of the
winter term, and No. 1 Platform is
crowded with school boys and their
sisters and their cousins and their
aunts, not to mention self-conscious
fathers. I am concerned only with
one party, two boys, and their
parents. The father went ahead,
and posted himself outside what
seemed to be to his untutored eyes
a good compartment, containing
but one solitary youth. His sons
arrived and gave one look. "Come
on Dad. Can't go in there—he isn't
in Our House." The spoken cap-
itals were significant and the search
started again. I settled myself in
an empty compartment, and as I
was arranging the various im-
plements of travelling, they came to
it and got in. Farewells were said,
the mother a little tremulous, the
father bluff and cheerful—my own
memory went a little sadly to sim-
ilar scenes a few years back. At
last we moved off and I was in-
spected—and found wanting. A
whispered consultation followed;
they finally decided it was an O.R.
tie round my neck, so I was dis-
missed with a look of pity and
sorrow as a product of one of the
barbaric northern schools. It is
curious how the schools of the
south look upon those of the north.
I hadn't been at E—, and there-
fore, it was safe to talk. "Decent
sort, the Mater. She never
knows how many tins of salmon I
really need for my tucker, though."
"Dad, did his stuff fairly well. I
must say; but why must he insist
on kissing us 'Goodbye' on the
platform? So very Victorian!"
That young man is now at Balliol,
I'm convinced. Don't seek my reas-
ons for this rash and damning
statement—I have none, I just
know it.

There are, too, the Shakespearean
adieux; unless the reader prefers
Bacon for his literary breakfast.
The crocodile tears of Wolesey over
his fallen state, his lost greatness,
his magnificent words and noble sen-
timents entirely out of keeping with
his earlier catalogue of earthly pos-
sessions. "Polonius" parting with
his son has always appealed to me;
but the conception of Polonius as a
tedious old bore has robbed most
people of the beauty of his address.
There are a score of others.

SUICIDE ATTEMPT.
A Chinese woman named Cheuk
Sue-chun, aged 67, who was yester-
day arrested by the police and
detained in the cells at the Central
Station as a madwoman, attempted
to commit suicide by strangling her-
self with a strip of cloth torn from
her clothing. She was removed to
the hospital.

P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

If any more schools "break up"
there won't be an educational build-
ing left.

The Family Man: "What kind of
a car would you advise me to buy?"
Salesman: "How many children
have you, sir?"
"Twelve."

"You don't want a car, what you
want is an adding machine."

A woman living in America who
weighs 24 stone complains that she
cannot get employment. If she
comes to England, says the Show-
man in "The Passing Show," she
might get a job as a pantomime
fairy.

"I see you've 'ad yer 'air Eton-
cropped Mrs. Jones."

"Well, I 'ave and I 'avon't. What
reely 'appened was a accident wiv
the gas-stove!"

It is the belief of a famous
scientist that some metals will,
under special circumstances, ex-
hibit a certain "sensitivity." I
hope, writes the Showman in the
Passing Show, that none of them
are employed in the manufacture of
saxophones.

"Look at me!" exclaimed the
lawyer, warmly, "I never took a
drop of medicine in my life, and
I'm as strong as any two of your
patients put together."

"Well, that's nothing," retorted
the physician. "I never went to
law in my life, and I'm as rich as
any two dozen of your clients put
together."

"There's an article entitled 'How
to Meet Trouble,'" said the wife.
"Shall I read it to you?"

"No, thank you," replied the hus-
band. "How to dodge trouble is
the brand of information I'm look-
ing for."

He: "I know that you love me."
She: "Then I can never marry
you."

"Why not?"
"Because I have sworn never to
marry a man who knows more than
I do."

American Girl: "Were you pre-
sented at court when you were in
England?"
Her Friend: "Yes, for driving on
the wrong side of the street."

Well Meaning Old Lady: "Thank
you so much for your song, my
dear. It took me back to my child-
hood days on my father's farm.
When I shut my eyes and listened
to your singing, I seemed to hear
the old gate creaking in the wind."

"A man tried to pick my pockets
in the street yesterday, but my
wife prevented him."

"Did she grapple with him, or
just scream?"
"Neither; she wasn't there."

"Then how could she prevent
him?"
"She had been through my poc-
kets first!"

"There are two sides to every
question," proclaimed the wise man.
"Yes," said the fool, "and there
are two sides to a sheet of fly-
paper, but it makes a difference to
the fly which side he chooses."

"When the tourist arrived home
he fell on his face and kissed the
pavement of his native city."
"Emotion?"
"No, banana skin."

She was very well dressed, and as
she walked into the fashionable
boot shop the manager himself
came forward to serve her.

"I see by your catalogue," she
said, "that you have just received
2,000 pairs of ladies' court shoes."
"Yes, madam," the respectful
manager informed her.

"Good," said the girl, sitting
down. "I wish to try them on!"
"How did you come by that black
eye, George?"

"Oh, our Jersey cow has a play-
ful habit of flicking her tail while
I'm milking her, so yesterday I tied
a brick on the end of it to keep
it down!"

The professor was annoyed by
the untidy appearance of his small
son.

"John," he said, "if you will
wash your face I will give you six-
pence."

"No, Pa," replied the boy, "keep
the money and get a hair cut."

It cost Mr. Hustling very little
to buy some mottoes, and he hoped
that they would inspire his em-
ployees to special efforts.

So it happened that on Monday
morning there appeared above
every desk the words, "Do it now!"
framed with an embossed gilt bor-
der. But, alas! the staff took the
advice too literally. Next day the
lady typist eloped with the book-
keeper, three clerks asked for a
raise, and the cashier took a holi-
day with the contents of the safe.

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Who Was The 13th Juror?

A murder had been committed. A man had been sentenced.
Twelve men believed him guilty. But the Thirteenth knew
he was innocent. For the thirteenth juror WAS the guilty
man. Who he was and what he did are revealed in this
startling new picture.

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INDIAN REFORMS.

CONFERENCE OF PARTY LEADERS.

A HARTAL RECOMMENDED.

New Delhi, Yesterday. A conference of all the Party leaders, convened by Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya, and attended by Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, Chintamani, Bepin Chandra and other Liberal leaders, reported unanimously in favour of boycotting the Simon Commission and urging the people all over the country to observe a hartal and protest meetings on February 3 when the Commission is due to land in Bombay. —Reuter.

BRAVE WOMAN.

PUTS ROBBER GANG TO FLIGHT.

SHANGHAI SENSATION.

Shanghai, Jan. 10. Miss Brodie Clarke was the heroine of an encounter with a gang of armed robbers who tried to raid her home at 46 Ferry Road on Sunday night. Showing much courage although she was faced by four men armed with pistols, she stepped back into her room, blew loudly on a police whistle, with result that the gang fled.

This daring attempt to rob a foreign house was made at 6 p.m., on Sunday when a gang of five men, four carrying pistols and the fifth armed with an iron bar, entered the compound of the house by the back door. They terrorized two coolies into submission and forced one to ask the amah to open the door to the house.

Being deceived, she opened the door but was confronted by the armed robbers. Two of the men were left to guard the coolies and the amah, while the others, after cutting the telephone wire, set to work smashing open boxes looking for booty.

Miss Clarke heard the noise and immediately investigated. She found herself faced by the armed men who made a move towards her. Running back into her room she produced a police whistle and blew several loud blasts. This action was so expeditious that the gang immediately took to flight without stealing anything. Two other foreigners living on an upper floor came to Miss Clarke's assistance, but the robbers by this time, were well out of reach.

Seven armed robberies were reported in the Settlement on Sunday, netting armed gangs booty exceeding \$900.

FEEDING THE POOR.

GOVERNOR OF CEYLON SERVES RICE.

Jaffna, Dec. 12.

There was a new departure this time in the arrangement for the reception to the Governor. The reception committee had decided to feed the poor instead of spending money on fireworks. Accordingly a large number of people, about 4,000 were fed on the esplanade on Friday evening.

The Governor and Lady Stanley, attended by the Governor's Private Secretary and A.D.C. arrived at the pandal specially erected for the occasion, and were received by the Committee appointed for the feeding of the poor. Gate Mudaliyar T. Karalappillai garlanded the Governor and Lady Stanley.

The Government Agent then introduced to the Governor the members of the Committee. A silver plate of rice and a silver spoon were given to the Governor who started the evening's programme, by serving rice to some of the poor. Lady Stanley also served rice to some. After all had been served the Governor and Lady Stanley walked through the rows of eager diners. —Ceylon Observer.

M. KURSKY.

SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO ITALY.

Moscow, Yesterday. M. Kursky, People's Commissary of Justice, has been appointed Soviet Ambassador to Italy. —Reuter.

COMMODORE HYDE.

APPOINTED NAVAL A.D.C. TO THE KING.

Rugby, Yesterday. The Admiralty announces that Commodore Hyde, commanding His Majesty's Australian Squadron, has been appointed Naval Aide-de-Camp to the King. —British Wireless Service.

U. S. SENATE.

DOWNWARD REVISION OF TARIFFS.

MERCHANT MARINE BILL.

Washington, Yesterday. After a week's debate the Senate adopted a resolution demanding the immediate downward revision of tariffs.

The Senate by 61 votes to 20 decided to discuss the Merchant Marine Bill. The Bill, however, will not be taken up immediately as the Chairman of the Commerce Committee is not yet ready to proceed with it. —Reuter's American Service.

INDIAN LOAN.

SUBSCRIPTION LISTS CLOSE IN LONDON.

Rugby, Yesterday. Subscription lists for the issue of the Government of India loan of \$7,500,000 at 4½ per cent. were opened this morning and closed this afternoon. —British Wireless Service.

STREET LIGHTING.

SOME SELF-EVIDENT FACTS FORGOTTEN.

PEDESTRIANS' DANGERS.

The problem of street lighting is one which is now, as it always has been, intimately connected with the safety of the foot-passenger after dark. In the eighteenth century, the inhabitants of London were required to fix a lamp outside their premises, and so do something to protect the passers-by from the depredations of foot-pads. Street lighting has, however, a more modern use, and that is to protect the foot-passenger from the onrush of vehicular traffic, which, it is hardly necessary to state, has increased very greatly, both in speed and in volume, during the past few years. It would therefore seem to be the duty of the street lighting authority to provide such a degree of illumination in the streets that it shall be possible for those who go about on foot to see their way clearly and at the same time to proceed in safety among the dangers, potential and actual, which surround them. This would be a task easy enough, were it not that street lighting costs money, and that the local authorities are, perhaps not altogether unwisely, averse from spending more upon it than is absolutely necessary. It is desirable to emphasise these almost self-evident facts since at the recent Conference of the Institution of Public Lighting Engineers at Brighton, this aspect of the question stood in danger of being forgotten. There was a tendency indeed to consider the subject from the technical aspect, which does not deserve criticism, and from another which is hard to define, but which disregarded almost entirely the financial factor. This latter does matter a great deal.

This neglect was, we think, partly due to the fact that the principal paper dealt with the standard specification for street lighting, which has recently been issued by the British Engineering Standards Association, and that this specification is, to put it mildly, a document in which idealism triumphs over practice, as exhibited in our streets at the present time. Its clauses lay down something which is to be aspired to, and may only some day be reached, rather than dealing with actual fact. Whether such a production can accurately be described as "standard" is a point we merely touch in passing, without wishing to labour. This, however, must be said: In it street lighting installations are divided into eight classes, according to the rated mean test point illumination they provide. The first of these (class A) covers streets where the figure for the illumination is 2.0 foot-candles, and upwards, and the last (class H) those where a figure of 0.01 foot-candle is not attained. There can be few, if any, streets in this country, which are lighted so lavishly as to bring them into class A. (Such a main traffic thoroughfare as the Strand, in London, for instance, barely reaches class B.) And it is obvious from the discussion that by far the larger number of streets fall into class H, and can only be included in that class because there is nothing lower. It is significant, moreover, as showing the idealism with which the specification has been compiled, that a class H was only formed as the result of representations made, when it was circulated in draft form.

The position, as it exists, was, in fact, very fairly stated by Mr. Haydn T. Harrison, who pointed out that Mr. A. F. Trotter, in the historic paper, which he read before the Institution of Civil Engineers in 1891, gave examples of streets round London where the illumination did not exceed 0.005 foot-candles, and that there were still many examples of such streets existing to-day. He also stated that there were cases where the illumination was less now than it was in 1913, and that the best that could be said was that while some streets were better lighted than they were, the general progress that had been made was small and by no means general. He expressed the hope that the standard specification would change, this "Engineering."

RECKLESS DRIVING.

PUBLIC CAR CHAUFFEUR FINED.

PEDDER STREET AFFAIR.

The Chinese driver of public motor car No. 1 was this morning summoned before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy with reckless driving in Pedder Street on the evening of January 6, and with failing to report to the police his change of employment.

The defendant denied the first charge and admitted the other. Mr. H. F. Bunje, owner of motor car No. 2035 gave evidence with regard to the charge of reckless driving. He said that about 6.40 p.m., on January 6 he was in his car which was being driven by his chauffeur out of the stand opposite the Hong Kong Hotel. The car had partly turned up Pedder Street in the direction of Queen's Road when the defendant's car which came up from the direction of Des Vaux Road at a speed estimated at 25 miles per hour, ran into the witness's car bending the front bumper and damaging the left hub cap. The witness's car was pushed right round by the impact, and the defendant was able to stop only after it had collided with and passed the witness's car. The price of a new bumper and hub cap was \$42.

Car Dragged. Mr. Boris Pasco, of Brewer's Bookstore, gave evidence as an independent witness. He said he saw the accident outside his store, and stated that the defendant was responsible for the collision. The witness estimated the defendant's speed at between 20 and 25 miles per hour, and added that after the collision Mr. Bunje's car was dragged for quite a distance. Mr. Bunje also gave corroborative evidence, and said that before leaving the stand he looked down the road in the direction of Pedder Street and did not see anything coming. His car had left the stand and had partly turned towards Queen's Road when the defendant suddenly came up from behind, and in attempting to squeeze in between the witness's car and the pavement, caught the witness's front bumper and bent it.

Defendant Responsible. The defendant said that when he turned into Pedder Street from Des Vaux Road, the other car was only half way out of the stand. As the witness was on a straight road, he argued that it was not his business to stop, but the duty of the other car to back and give him right of way.

Major Willson said that the other car had already turned and it was not possible for the driver to see the defendant coming. It was quite clear that the defendant was responsible for the collision. When passing a stand, it was as much the defendant's business to watch for cars coming out of the stand as it is for the drivers of cars leaving the stand to look out for approaching cars. In this case his Worship was satisfied that Mr. Bunje's driver had taken the necessary precaution and the defendant was not in Pedder Street when he moved out of the stand.

Defendant, who had a previous conviction for passing a stationary tramcar, was fined \$20. With regard to compensation, Mr. Bunje said that he was holding the owner of car No. 1 responsible, and the Magistrate did not make any order. On the second charge of failing to report change of employment, the defendant was fined \$5.

LOOKING FOR WORK.

FOREIGNER RETURNED TO DETENTION HOUSE.

Before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning, Sub-Inspector Elston charged a foreigner named Carl Spender with being found in the Colony without employment and no visible means of support.

The Inspector said that Spender had previously been in the House of Detention and was sent to jail for a short period for absconding himself from the House. He was, said the Inspector, apparently a decent fellow, and had himself asked to be sent back to the House as he realised that that was the only means by which he could find employment.

The Magistrate made the order for Spender's return to the House of Detention.

"HORSE PLAY."

MANSLAUGHTER CASE CONTINUED.

The case was resumed before Mr. Roger Edward Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning in which a young Chinese student of St. Paul's College is charged with the manslaughter of a fellow student by hitting him on the head during some "horse play" in which several youths were engaged in the Club Room of the South China Athletic Association, China Building, on Christmas night. A youth who was a witness of the affair and had previously given evidence was recalled for re-examination as to the relative positions of the two when the blow was alleged to have been delivered.

CINEMA NOTES.

"THE PLEASURE BUYERS TO-DAY."

FINE DETECTIVE STORY.

"The Pleasure Buyers," contrary to what the title would suggest is about as exciting a mystery picture as the screen has yet offered. The story concerns the murder of Eugene Cassenas, a gay society favourite, who is shot while sitting in his chair at home. The bullet has come through the back of his chair. Suspicion falls in turn upon six people each of whom had threatened to kill Cassenas. How the law finally discovers the real culprit leads up to a thoroughly exciting climax. Irene Rich is the star, and a cast of well known players give her excellent support. "The Pleasure Buyers" has been adapted to the screen from a popular novel.

"THE LUCKY LADY."

The picture at the 5.15 and 9.20 performances in the World Theatre to-day and to-morrow is "The Lucky Lady," a story of the mythical European principality of San Guido. In order to prevent her marriage to a dissolute grand duke (Lionel Barrymore), the heiress to the throne (Greta Nissen), forces herself to assume a mask of unloveliness so that the grand duke will break off their engagement. Throughout the film a delicate sense of humour has been interwoven with the drama. The picture at the 2.30 and 7.15 performances in the World Theatre to-day and to-morrow is the Chinese Drama "Wong Tin Ba."

"ALOMA OF THE SOUTH SEAS."

Local cinema-goers still remember such productions as "The Grand Duchess and the Waiter" and "Moana" and the beautiful camera effects obtained in each of these films. They will be pleased to learn, therefore, that the same kind of film, panchromatic stock, has been used in "Aloma of the South Seas," Gilda Gray's first big picture, which will be shown at the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow from 2.30 to 11.15 continuous. Panchromatic film, it should be explained, is much more expensive than, and is far superior to, ordinary stock. In "Aloma of the South Seas" it enhances the story's stirring acting with an ever-changing tropical sky and gorgeous cloud effects. Percy Marmont, Warner Baxter, Julianne Johnston and William Powell head the cast supporting Miss Gray. "Aloma of the South Seas" has been adapted from the successful stage play of the same name.

"THE 13TH JUROR."

With the object of completing an all-comedy week for Chinese New Year, Reginald Denny's farce, "Out All Night," which was to have been played at the Queen's Theatre from Thursday to Saturday, January 19 to 21, has been postponed until Sunday, Monday and Tuesday next. This is merely a pleasure deferred, as the picture which has been selected to fill its place from Thursday to Saturday, "The Thirteenth Juror" is a picture which is "different."

ROBBERIES WITH KNIVES.

Wong Cheuk-wan, a Chinese woman living on the third floor of No. 25, Hill Road, West Point, reported to the police that an armed robbery was committed at her flat yesterday morning. About 8.30 o'clock she heard knocks on the door of a neighbouring flat and a voice saying that Sanitary officials had come to whitewash the place. As Wong had some clothing hung up to dry on the landing, she ordered a maid servant to go out and collect them. No sooner was the door opened than five men entered. They all exhibited knives, bound and gagged Wong and her maid, and ransacked the flat, stealing money and clothing worth \$264.

Mr. A. S. Lilburne, of the Raub Australian Gold Mining, and Mrs. Lilburne have returned to Raub from their holiday in Europe.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Pleasure Buyers."
To-day—World Theatre; "The Lucky Lady." 5.15 and 9.15: "Wong Tin Ba" (Chinese Drama), 2.30 and 7.15.
To-day—Star Theatre; "Aloma of the South Seas."
January 19-21—Queen's Theatre; "The 13th Juror."
January 19-21—World's Theatre; "The Degrory Toll."
January 19-21—Star Theatre; "The Gay Deceiver."
January 20-21—Star Theatre; The Globe Trotters in "Incidents."
January 21—Hong Kong Hotel; Chinese New Years' Eve Carnival.
January 22-24—Queen's Theatre; "Out All Night."
February 25—Craigengower Cricket Club's annual Bachelors' Dance.

Sports.
January 18—Hockey: H.K.H. Club v. Navy, U.S.R.C. ground, 4.30 p.m.
January 19—St. Peter's Church Y.M.C. Whist drive, 8.45 p.m. in St. John's Cathedral Hall.

January 21—China New Year meeting (Fanning Hunt), Kwanti Race Course.
January 28—American lawn tennis tourney (mixed doubles) for members of the Ladies' Recreation Club at L.R.C.

Meetings.
January 19—H.K.V.D.C. annual meeting, Corps Headquarters.
January 23—General meeting of Hong Kong Philharmonic Society, Cathedral Hall, 8.30 p.m.

January 27—Annual meeting of St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club, 8.30 p.m.
February 9—Fortieth annual meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's offices, 12.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.
January 18—Reception to welcome the Dean and Mrs. Swann, by Church Council of St. Peter's Church, in the Club Hall, 8.45 p.m.
January 22—Opening date of Photographic & Art Exhibition at Macao.

January 25—Hong Kong St. Andrew's Society hold annual Burns Dinner.

CAR NUISANCES.

BUNCH OF TRAFFIC OFFENDERS.

THAT PUBLIC CAR.

The driver of public motor car No. 323 admitted speeding in Queen's Road East on January 8. Traffic Sergeant Clark said the defendant was doing 25 miles per hour when he saw him. Major Willson imposed a fine of \$20.

Traffic Sergeant Hopkin summoned the driver of private motor car No. 977 for dangerous driving, and the defendant pleaded "guilty." According to the Sergeant the defendant came from the direction of Lane, Crawford's and turned into Chater Road without going round the beacon. Cars Nos. 176 and 237 were then in Chater Road waiting for a tramcar to pass, and the defendant cut in between the two cars. A fine of \$10 was imposed.

The drivers of fourteen public cars were fined \$10 each for causing obstructions in Pedder Street, Chater, Connaught and Queen's Roads.

NOT ROYAL MAIL.

POST OFFICE DRIVER FINED.

The Chinese driver of Post Office Mail Van No. 848 was summoned by Traffic Sergeant Hopkin for speeding in Queen's Road.

Major Willson: A Post Office van? I hope he is not claiming the privilege of the Royal Mail!

Asked to plead, the defendant admitted the charge.

The Sergeant said that the speed limit for the van was only 12 miles per hour, but throughout the stretch from the Naval Yard to Arsenal Street, along which the witness followed him, the defendant did between 22 and 25 miles per hour. It was particularly dangerous because at the time the offence was committed (12.10 p.m., on January 5) workmen were just coming out of the Naval Yard and the roadway was crowded.

A fine of \$10 was imposed.

At the Europe Hotel last week there was a gathering of forty-three officers at the dinner in honour of Lt.-Col. F. J. M. Postlethwaite, O.B.E., former Commandant of the S.S.V.F., who was being "dined out" after completing his period of service in Malaya with the Volunteer Forces, and of Lieut.-Col. J. M. Mackenzie, D.S.O., of the Royal Scots, who was "dined in" as new Commandant. Major Grove-Whit, the senior officer present, proposed the health of Lieut.-Col. Postlethwaite, referring in his speech to their guest's meritorious service with the Malayan Forces and the great esteem in which he was held.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Dr. (Miss) Kibble, lately Lady
Medical Officer, Pekin, has arrived
in Kuala Lumpur.

Mrs. Almira Goodhue, mother-in-
law of President Coolidge, who is
suffering from influenza, is stated
to be out of danger.

"Not being a scholar, I can't
understand. I can't read, except
the newspapers," said a farmer at
Leeds Bankruptcy Court.

Thirty Buddhist priests are ex-
pected to stand as Parliamentary
candidates for the Japanese gen-
eral elections next year.

In addition to Mr. E. L. Watson
and Mr. H. B. Talala, Mr. Lim Ah
Kam has been appointed a Justice
of the Peace for Selangor.

Lieut.-Colonel B. C. Freyberg,
V.C., has been appointed General
Staff Officer, 2nd Grade, vice Lieut.
Colonel M. F. Day, K.O.Y.L.I.

Mr. Tom Kennedy, M.P., for Kirk-
caldy and Chief Whip of the So-
cialist Party, had to leave the House
of Commons on account of illness.

Sydney Bernard Goulter, who was
sentenced to death for the murder
of Constable Oliver in Richmond
Park, has given notice of appeal.

Mr. R. W. Grant, who has been
Resident of Labuan since August,
1925, is being transferred to
Klang as Assistant District Officer.

A collection of coloured maps pub-
lished in Amsterdam in the middle
of the 17th century realised £130 at
Messrs. Sotheby's, New Bond
Street, W.

Mr. V. N. B. Were and Mrs. (Dr.)
Were arrived in Penang by the
"Ilektor." Dr. Were is to go to
Klang to organise an Infant Wel-
fare Centre there.

The Hon. Mr. L. H. Cripps, who is
the third son of Lord Parmoor,
and a director of the Ocean Steam-
ship Co., has been visiting Java
ports and Singapore in connection
with the company's business.

The Panchan Lama, who is the
second highest dignitary in the
Buddhist creed in China, will soon
emerge as mediator between Shansi
and Mukden to end the war, a Kuo
Wen news agency message reports.

The entire process of optical
glass manufacturing and final
finishing as used in their local
workshops is interestingly por-
trayed, by means of coloured
figures, etc., in the windows of
Messrs. Lazarus, the local opti-
cians.

A new comet, invisible to the
naked eye, situated in the constel-
lation of Pegasus (the fisher) and
with the brightness of a star of the
thirteenth to fourteenth magnitude,
has been photographed at Hamburg
University by Professors Schwartz-
mann and Watch.

The decision of last year's Im-
perial Conference that the Gov-
ernor-Generals of the Dominions
should cease to be intermediaries
between the British and Dominions
Governments will take effect in
Australia, when telegrams will pass
direct between the two govern-
ments.

The "Evening Standard" has an-
nounced that Princess Mary and
Viscount Lascelles will visit Egypt
in the spring. Plans for the visit
and its duration are not yet in
their final stage, but an announce-
ment will be made as soon as pos-
sible, says a British Official Wire-
less message.

Both Courts at the Singapore
Supreme Court are being furnished
with new jury boxes made of teak,
which will replace the former col-
lection of railed-in chairs. They
have been almost completed and
are a handsome addition to the
Courts. Certainly a great improve-
ment has been effected, says a
Singapore paper.

Peking, Yesterday.—Kao Jen-
shan, the dean of the Yi-wen
Middle School at Peking, a gradu-
ate of Columbia University, who
has been in custody for several
months, was found guilty of con-
spiring against the Government
and shot yesterday morning outside
the Temple of Agriculture by or-
der of the War Ministry.—Reuter.

Trials transmissions of photo-
graphs by telegraph between Berlin
and Moscow have proved very suc-
cessful. The telefunken system
which is also in use between Berlin
and Vienna was used. It is hoped
to reduce the time needed for the
transmission of one decimeter-
square from the 100 seconds need-
ed during the trials and to open
a regular service in the very near
future. Between Berlin and
Vienna the service is already being
used by the public.

Probate of the will of Chung
Kau-mui, otherwise known as
Tsang Chung-shi, late of No. 4,
Tai Wong Lane, Shaikwan, where
he died on April 9, 1927, has been
granted to Tsang Chung-shi, alias
Chung Ah Heung, a widow, and
testator's daughter-in-law, who re-
sides at the same address. Testa-
tor's estate in the Colony is valued
at \$12,200, and he directs that his
daughter-in-law, who is the execu-
trix named in the will, shall ad-
minister the estate in trust until
testator's two grandsons attain
their majority.

Sir Henry Parker, Chief Justice
of Western Australia 1906-13, died
at Melbourne.

H.H. the Sultan of Perak has ac-
cepted the office of Hon. Commis-
sioner of Police, F.M.S.

Three men who broke into a shop
in Leytonstone Road, Stratford, E.,
took about 20 costumes.

Lady Clementi is progressing
very satisfactorily and is expected
to be able to leave the Peak Hos-
pital by the end of the month.

Colchester guardians have passed
a resolution asking the town
council to oppose the establishment
of a greyhound racecourse in the
town.

Dr. W. Davison, acting medical
officer of health for Birmingham,
has been appointed coroner for
Birmingham, at a salary of £1,250 a
year.

New Kowloon Inland Lot 1119,
in the neighbourhood of Prince
Edward Road will be auctioned in
the P.W.D. offices on January 26 at
4 p.m.

The 2nd Yang Kong (St.
Andrew's) Troop of Boys Scouts
hopes to hold a camp extending
over next week end and Chinese
New Year day. The site has al-
ready been chosen by the sent to
boys of the Troop. It is next to
the Old Road, past the reservoir on
the road descending into Shatin.



Baron Kihachiro Okura, Japan's
richest man. In spite of his age of
91 years he is still actively engaged
in business.

Resealing of exemplification of
probate in respect of the estate of
the late Col. Macgregor Greer (re-
tired), of His Majesty's Army, late
of The Demesne, Limavady, Lon-
donderry, Northern Ireland, where
he died on July 29, 1926, has been
granted to Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, 18,
Hatherley Road, Sidcup, Kent, and
Mr. J. Dickie, Crown Solicitors
Office, Omagh, Northern Ireland,
the executors and trustees named
in the will. Estate in Hong Kong
is valued at \$2,700, and personal
estate in Great Britain to \$5,695.

The case against the Chinese
who were arrested by the police for
stealing letters from a private let-
ter box in the staircase of No. 299,
Des Voeux Road West was started
before Mr. Roger Edward Lindsell
at the Central Magistracy yester-
day. According to Detective
Sergeant Whant the accused was
taken to his house after his arrest,
and there a number of letters be-
lieved to have been stolen were
found sandwiched between the
pages of a book. Accused was re-
manded until January 21 for hear-
ing of a further charge of attempt-
ing to obtain money by false
pretences.

Forced into Manila because of
the urgent need of coal and the ill-
ness of a member of the crew, the
s.s. "Praga," dropped anchor inside
of the Manila breakwater and left
with a cargo of fire-arms for
the warring forces in China, ac-
cording to a statement made by one
of the ship's officers. The "Praga"
is flying the Czechoslovakian flag
and is commanded and manned by
Germans. According to its present
schedule, it is bound eventually for
Chinwangtao, though it is expected
to call first at Shanghai. It sailed
from Rotterdam, Holland, almost
two months ago after having taken
on cargo supposedly shipped from
the Krupp factory, manufacturers
of firearms.

When four Chinese were
yesterday, charged before Mr. W.
Schofield, at the Kowloon Magis-
tracy with disorderly conduct, it
was stated that a serious fracas
between coolies of the Standard
Oil Company at Lanchowok was
averted on Saturday after-
noon by the timely arrival
of a party of police who were
sent to the scene as the re-
sult of a telephone message re-
ceived from the Society. Installa-
tion. Three of the defendants
were fined \$10 each and bound
over to be of good behaviour,
whilst the fourth was only re-
quired to sign a personal bond.
The first three were fined because
they were found to be armed with
poles when the police arrived.

Mr. G. W. Webb and Mr. H. R.
Luckham, new cadets, are leaving
shortly for Malaya.

M. Sausanne, Consul at Tientsin,
is appointed an Officer of
the Legion of Honour, says a Havas
telegram.

Mr. W. N. Edwards, of the F.M.S.
Police, who has just returned from
furlough, has been posted to Ipoh
for duty.

An Ipoh correspondent telegraphs
news of the death of Mr. Pizer, who
was formerly jailer at Taiping and
a foundation member of Lodge
Kluta.

Mrs. R. D. Acton will arrive in
Kuala Lumpur in about a fort-
night's time to join her husband,
who is now stationed there as
Judge.

The wedding of Mrs. Hollinshead
and Mr. C. Gordon Osborne will
take place at St. Andrew's Cathed-
ral, Singapore, on Saturday,
January 21.

Dr. J. Baeza, Health Officer,
Kedah, has returned from leave and
resumed duties. Dr. S. W. Eason,
his locum tenens, has been trans-
ferred to Malacca as Municipal
Health Officer.

Mr. W. H. Anderson, of Messrs.
Dickson and Co., Ltd., London, and
chairman of the Glen Muar Rubber
Estates, Ltd., is at present on a
visit to Malaya in connection with
his rubber interests.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Husband, who
were married at the Presbyterian
Church, Penang, the Rev. R. S.
Stewart officiating, left by the s.s.
"Kedah" for Brastagi, where the
honeymoon is being spent.

Raja Uda, of Selangor, who re-
cently returned from a holiday in
England, has assumed duties as
Second Magistrate, Kuala Lumpur,
relieving Mr. E. Jago, who has pro-
ceeded to Tanjong Malim as A.D.O.

Mr. Goodale, the new manager of
the Penang branch of Roneo, Ltd.,
has arrived in Penang. Mr. Mum-
ford, who is taking over the
Kuala Lumpur Office, will be going
to the Federal Capital as soon as
he is well enough to leave hospital.

The "Straits Times" protests
against the nuisance caused by
bands advertising cinemas or ac-
companying funeral processions
which produce a discordant noise
instead of music and are a real in-
fliction on the ears of those who
have their offices in the streets
along which they pass.

An aged Chinese was discovered
lying dead near the Sultan Street
station by the Kuala Lumpur police.
Near the dead body was a little boy,
the son of the deceased. The boy's
story was that he and his father
had come to Kuala Lumpur three
days previously from Singapore,
and not having any money had slept
on the five-foot-way. His father
had been suffering badly from
fever.

In the American Court for China,
Judge Milton D. Purdy took under
advice the case of Mr. A. de
Souza against the China Finance
Corporation for alleged illegal
seizure of his motor car. Mr. de
Souza is suing for the recovery of
the car and damages to the extent
of \$15,000. He is represented by
Messrs. Chalmers and Franklin. Mr.
F. J. Schull represents the finance
corporation.

There was a large gathering of
friends and relatives at Concord
House, Ampang Road, Kuala Lum-
pur on Christmas Day when Miss
Tan Saw Ean, youngest daughter
of the late Mr. and Mrs. Tan Kim
Bee, and sister of Mr. Tan Seng
Khim, was married to Dr. Ooi Keng
Seng, the second son of Mr. Ooi
Chye Hock. The entertainment of
the guests began on Saturday and
was continued on Sunday.

The death occurred on the night
of November 24, of Mr. Joseph
MacTaggart Allison. The deceas-
ed was aged 71 years, and was well-
known in the rubber plantation in-
dustry, being a director of Bader
Rubber Estate, Klang Rubber
Muar River Rubber, Krian Rubber
Plantations, and Fuar Rubber.
Mr. Allison came to Singapore in
1880, and in a few years became the
manager of Messrs Barlow & Co.

Sergeant-Detective Poussardin of
the French Police, while on his
rounds with a brigade, in the Boule-
vard de Montigny had his attention
attracted by the behaviour of three
Chinese who took to their heels
when they saw they were under ob-
servation. The police gave chase
and upon capturing them it was
found that one of the men was
carrying an automatic revolver,
calibre 7.65 loaded with eight car-
tridges. The three offenders were
put in charge of the 2nd Criminal
Brigade.

In the Supreme Court, Penang,
Sir Henry Gompertz, Chief Justice
F.M.S., heard an appeal from the
District Court, Penang, in which
Cheah Phoo Eng, a Chinese
bankrupt, was convicted by
Mr. J. S. W. Arthur, First
Magistrate and District Judge,
and sentenced to six months'
rigorous imprisonment for having
failed to disclose certain piece
goods, valued at \$10,700, to the As-
sistant Official Assignee, Penang,
after a Receiver Order had been
made against him. The appeal was
dismissed.

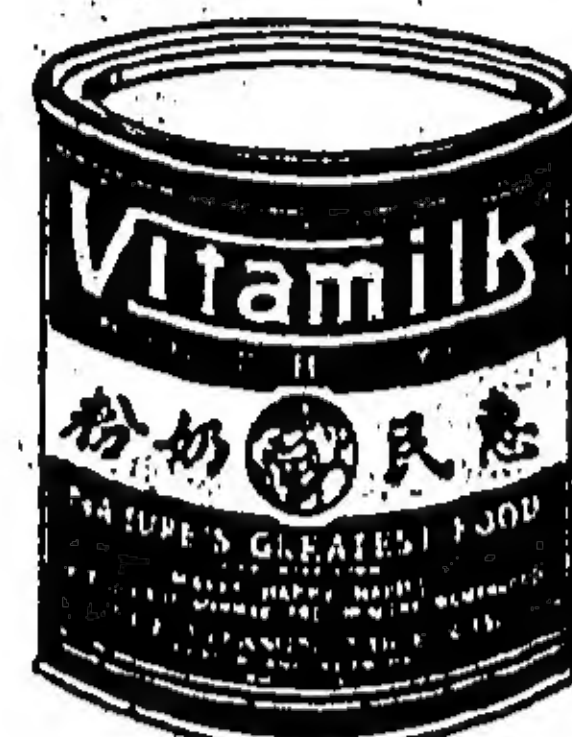
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INTERPORT SOCCER.

Last Reflections on the Local Team.

THE HONG KONG SHIELD.

"Sunday Herald" Charity Cup Final.

[By "Rover."]

The last Interport Practice match has been well discussed and to-day the selected of Hong Kong will travel to Shanghai for the big matches over the Chinese New Year. As the Chinese of Hong Kong are also sending a representative team with Reserves to Shanghai we cannot help envying Shanghai's fine football programme during the coming festival.

After the very encouraging display given on Saturday by the Hong Kong representatives, and in view of the fine form of the local Chinese Clubs this year in Hong Kong, it seems likely that Hong Kong will secure much of the honours this year if they get their fair share of fortune as regards weather and conditions.

Visiting grounds have a bad effect on some players who are great home ground players. This notwithstanding, the Hong Kong players, all of them, have had a very strenuous League season, and as far as could be seen on Saturday were right up to the mark. They should stand the test well.

Shanghai will have the advantage of being able at the last moment to play any player or players who might suit the particular weather conditions on the day of the match, whereas Hong Kong have only taken one Reserve forward and are used to a hard pitch practically throughout the season. I think, therefore, our chances will be much brighter if on the day of the big match the weather is fine and sunny.

The practice match on Saturday demonstrated the cleverness of Hong Kong on a dry pitch and I think on a slightly sticky turf Sun and Gosano would be equally dangerous, and McNiven a little more so than on Saturday, while the wings are both very fast and unless the weather is really bad and the ground very muddy will be very difficult to hold.

A lot will depend on the Chinese Athletic backs who are in front of Clarke, but their Club understanding should be of service, and Ng Kum-chuen, who has taken Wynne's place, showed by his duels on Saturday with his Club opponent Chen Kwong-ju, that he can stop a clever forward; and he and Remedios between them will have to deal with one of Shanghai's and China's best forwards in Lee Yai Tong, who gave a great exhibition last year in Hong Kong for the Chinese XI v. Hong Kong Interport XI.

We shall be all expectant on Saturday and Sunday for the cables and for the subsequent details, as Shanghai are taking this Interport very seriously. The list of available players includes men with big Hong Kong reputations and newcomers who are spoken very highly of. I anticipate a fairly close result and I think each side will score two or three goals in a big game, as the forwards on both sides should get goals even against good defences.

League Doings.

Interest in the Leagues has naturally subsided and the only games of interest on Saturday between the Border Reserves and South China, and Kowloon Reserves and St. Joseph's, showed a certain amount of staleness. The Borderers played for them, a very subdued game, and appeared slow off the mark, while Kowloon Reserves disappointed somewhat, although credit must be given to St. Joseph's who are a really good side and play nice football. Clubs are now concentrating on the Shield matches and some varying League results will take place as a result of experiments with a view to improving the teams. Kowloon, seniors with McKelvie back and Northey a very probable starter have yet to play Chinese Athletic, by the grace of the H.K.F.A. who have decided the postponed match shall be played, which is good for Kowloon and good for sport. The Peninsula Team, despite their moderate record, will be at full strength and will give the League leaders a good run.

The R.A. is another team who are being assisted by several new men with good reputations who have recently arrived in the local garrison, but unfortunately as a set off to this, one or two of the stalwarts of the team will shortly be missing on draft from the Colony.

With the return of the Interporters from Shanghai, the big Final for the "Sunday Herald" Charity Cup, Scotland v. China, also the Hong Kong Shield Competition will be items of primary importance, the entries for the latter competition being such to ensure a fine series of games this year. The Senior League programme for Saturday next is slightly curtailed owing to the Interport, but there will in all probability be three games at least with a full junior programme.

SHANGHAI NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Honorary Secretary of the Shanghai Football Association announces that the following players have been selected in connection with the matches concerned with

LOCAL HOCKEY.

NAVY WIN SIM SHIELD MATCH.

R.A.F. LOSE.

In the Sim Shield tourney the Navy yesterday beat the Army by four goals to two. At half time the former were leading by four clear goals and were much the superior team. Scorers were Lt. McKendrick, Lt. Atkinson (2) and Lt. Cecil for the Navy and Capt. Howard (2) for the Army.

The next match in the competition will be played to-morrow (Wednesday) when the Club play the Navy. This match will also take place on the U.S.R.C. ground.

Positions To Date.

Club	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Navy	2	2	0	0	4
Army	2	1	0	1	2
Club	1	0	0	1	0
R.A.F.	1	0	0	1	0

Y.M.C.A. v. R.A.F.

Playing at King's Park yesterday, the European Y.M.C.A. defeated the Royal Air Force (Cameron Road) by two goals to one. The Y.M.C.A. win is all the more notable in view of the fact that they played with only nine men, against the full team fielded by their opponents.

Match Postponed.

The match arranged between the University and the Club de Recreo to take place at Pokfulam yesterday, was postponed.

SHAMEEN BEATS HONG KONG H.C.

A team from the Hong Kong Hockey Club visited Canton over the week-end and met the Shameen Hockey Club on Sunday morning. The game, which was exceedingly fast throughout, resulted in a win for the latter side by 8-3.

INTER-VARSITY HOCKEY.

London, Jan. 7.

In the annual ice hockey match at St. Moritz, before a good attendance, Cambridge defeated Oxford by one goal to nil.

GOLF.

MANILA TEAM FOR HONG KONG.

The Manila Golf Club team which will visit Hong Kong to play the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club is booked to leave Manila on January 22. Six of the leading golfers will make up the Manila team which will be substantially the same as the one that decisively defeated the Hong Kong golfers on the Calocan course some time ago. J. R. Mason, Manila's leading golfer, will head the delegation. The tentative list of the players who will make the team follows: George Ivory, E. J. Nell, Capt. K. J. Fielder, Army Champion, Lt. J. A. Cranston, U.S.A., and Capt. J. I. Yates, U.S.N. The Manilans are leaving on the "Empress of Canada." The meeting will be held so as to finish on or about February 2, thus permitting the Manila players to return in time to take part in the Philippine Open, scheduled to take place soon after the current Army manoeuvres.

THE LONG BEACH OPEN TOURNAMENT.

Long Beach, Cal., Yesterday.

In the Long Beach Open Tournament, Leo Diegel and Bill Melhorn tied with 282 for first place. Among the professionals, Macdonald, Smith and Tommy Armour came next with 286 each. Von Elm took the leading prize among the amateurs with 288.—Reuter's American Service.

CRAIGENGOWER C.C.

ENTRANCE FEE AND SUB. REDUCTIONS.

An extraordinary general meeting of members of the Craigen-gower Cricket Club was held yesterday to amend the rules as follows:

Rule 11.—All new members shall pay an entrance fee of \$15.

Rule 12.—The annual subscription shall be \$15 payable (in advance) on October 1 of each year.

Rule 21.—No members shall after September 30, participate in any of the advantages or privileges of the Club or vote upon any question, until he shall have paid such accounts as may be due from him to the Club.

Rotherham or Exeter v. Blackburn. Cardiff v. Liverpool.

Port Vale v. New Brighton.

Swindon v. Sheffield Wednesday.

Southport v. Middlesbrough.

Derby v. Notts Forest.

Wrexham v. Birmingham.

Sunderland or Northampton v. Manchester City.

Huddersfield v. West Ham.

Aston Villa v. Crewe.

Stoke v. Bolton Wanderers.

Tottenham Hotspur v. Oldham.

Arsenal v. Everton.

Sheffield United v. Wolverhampton.

Reading v. Leicester.

—Reuter.

YACHTING.

LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP RACE.

CORRECTED TIMES.

The Ladies' Section of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club sailed their sixth Championship race yesterday afternoon. "Dorothea" obtained first place in the Handicap Class, and in the I, Y and G classes "Boojum" came in first.

The course for the race was (1) Channel Rocks (S), (2) Mark on Quarry Bay (S), (3) Kowloon Rock (P). Distance: 5.9 miles.

Handicap Class.

Yacht	Time	Corrected Time
Diana (4)	4.18.38	4.17.39
Colleen (2)	4.21.18	4.16.18
Rolla (3)	4.17.11	4.17.11
Falcon	D.N.S.	
La Linda	D.N.S.	
Argutha II	D.N.S.	
Borutha (1)	4.20.41	4.14.47
Daphne (5)	4.42.16	4.42.16
Alisa (5)	4.35.04	4.35.04
Halcyon	D.N.S.	
Gael (7)	D.N.S.	
Pierrette (4)	4.42.15	4.39.48
Thecla	4.41.58	4.34.15
Viking	D.N.S.	
Joan	D.N.S.	
Why	D.N.S.	
Wonder (2)	4.34.54	4.32.56
Wings (3)	4.42.14	4.40.16
Bluenose (6)	4.39.15	4.37.17
Boojum (1)	4.32.32	4.30.34
Adelle (3)	4.35.25	4.33.27
Adanac	D.N.S.	
Zephyr	D.N.S.	
Loch	D.N.S.	
Owl	D.N.S.	

THE HORNELL CUP RACE.

The postponed race for the Hornell Cup between crews of the Asiatic Petroleum Co., Butterfield & Swire and the Hong Kong Electric Company will take place at 4.30 p.m. on Thursday next, January 19 at the Yacht Club.

The race was advanced from Saturday as a member of the Butterfield & Swire crew is leaving the Colony at daybreak on that day.

LOCAL CHESS.

TEN ENTRANTS FOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

The following entries have been received.—Sir Henry Pollock, C. M. Sequeira (holder, 1926 and 1927), D. E. Carvalho, H. W. Randall, S. L. Hussain, J. S. Smith, C. E. Wong, J. C. Faers, H. Lo and C. Choa.

LOU GEHRIG.

STAR PITCHER SIGNS NEW CONTRACT.

New York, Dec. 6.

Lou Gehrig, who, with Babe Ruth, was the star of the New York Yankees last season, has signed a three-year contract with that club. Col. Ruppert, owner of the team, announced to-day. The terms of the contract were not disclosed.—Associated Press.

RUGBY RESULTS.

RICHMOND AND SWANSEA SWAMPED.

London, Jan. 7.

Dull weather and heavy grounds were the prevailing conditions for the Rugby matches to-day, the principal results being as follows:

Newport 15, Richmond 5.

Bristol 6, Cardiff 3.

Leicester 11, Swansea 0.

Llanelli 9, Gloucester 0.

Harlequins 23, St. Bart's 11.

O.M. Taylors 23, Old Leylans 3.

Guy's 12, Devonport Ser. 8.

The Welsh Trial.

After a well contested game the Welsh trial resulted in the Probables defeating the Rest by 9 points to 8.

The County Championship.

In the County Championship Yorkshire defeated Cheshire by 15 points to 6.

AGAINST THE DOGS.

London, Jan. 7.

There is developing a strong feeling against greyhound racing, in view of the decision of the trustees of the Crystal Palace to refuse to allow the sport to take place there.

SOUTH AFRICAN'S LONG RUN.

London, Jan. 7.

The South African, Arthur Newton, attacking his own road-running record for 100 miles in 14 hours, 48 minutes, accomplished the feat from Box, Wiltshire, to Hyde Park Corner, London, in 14 hours, 22 minutes, 10 seconds.

The weather was very wet and the roads heavy, whilst his progress was impeded by the crowds.

NEW FRENCH TENNIS STAR.

London, Jan. 7.

Queen's Club defeated the Paris Sporting Club at tennis by six matches to five.

The feature of the contests was the brilliant play of the young French player Thurneysen.

GUESSING COMPETITION.

London, Jan. 7.

The Rugby Union have issued a statement deprecating the holding of guessing competitions by Rugby clubs in order to raise funds.

—Reuter.

SHARK INFESTED.

SAILING BOAT CAPSIZES AT MANILA.

PICKED UP.

Manila, Jan. 9.

Swimming two and a half miles through shark infested waters, E. Von Polken of the International Banking Corporation and H. Croft of Atkins Kroll, saved themselves and two companions from a possible watery grave in Manila bay yesterday afternoon.

They Debolt, heavyweight champion boxer of the Orient, and Eric Sanders, Manila business man, were their two companions. The quartette were in a twenty-foot sailing banca.

A little more than two miles from Cavite, the stay on the mast broke, and the banca turned bottom side up.

Efforts were made to push the banca ashore but its weight and the out-going tide prohibited. After an hour's frantic struggle to attract the attention of other boats in the bay and to get the banca ashore, Croft and Von Polken agreed to make the dangerous swim for help. They stripped off their clothing and started out.

Both men were aware that there were many sharks in the locality in which they were swimming, because of the fish traps set there. The waves caused the swimmers to lose sight of each other before they were half way to their goal. Each believed that the other had been caught by a shark. However, they landed at Cavite at about the same time and quite near to each other.

Two boats were immediately dispatched to aid "Debolt" and "Sanders." Before these arrived, however, a passing fishing banca aided in bailing and uprighting the over turned banca. The banca was finally towed ashore.

In addition to losing their clothing, which they left in the bay when they started the long swim, Croft and Von Polken lost about \$400 in cash and two cameras. Both men were badly sunburned as a result of their swim.

LIEUT. KNOWLES.

KILLED DURING OCTOBER IN SHANSHI.

CHINESE REPORTS.

Peking, Jan. 9.

Information received here through native channels makes it reasonably certain that Lieut. Knowles, the officer of the British Legation Guard, who disappeared last October in the Western Hills, was killed by Shanai troops about October 12 near Hsiawatui Mountain, five days' journey from Peking and two days west of the Trappist Monastery near the Shanai border.

It was first learned that natives had been the body of a foreigner in shorts dead by the roadside and later it was explained that he was killed in an altercation with some Shanai soldiers who seized his donkeys. No other details are available.

The feeling in this community against the Legation remains intense because of its permitting Knowles, who was ignorant of the language and the customs of the country, to proceed into a remote mountain district in a time of war against Chinese official advice.—"N. C. Daily News."

1928 WEATHER.

METEOROLOGIST CHEERS THE HOME FOLK.

"GUARDEDLY OPTIMISTIC."

Rugby, Yesterday.

Sir Napier Shaw, the distinguished meteorologist, is guardedly optimistic about this year's weather prospects. Although he considers it will be a long time before the kind of weather coming in any particular year can be foretold with certainty, he expressed the view to the "Westminster Gazette" that we are passing a cycle of wet years and anticipates a change for the better. Every seven years, he says, it goes through a cycle, in which its activity waves and wanes. This year the sun will be approaching a period of its maximum activity and that should make for better weather.—British Wireless Service.

JAPANESE POLITICS.

COMBINATION OF TENANT FARMERS.

Osaka, Yesterday.

The conference of the Central Executive Committee of the Union of Tenant Farmers has approved the amalgamation with Federation of Tenant Farmers preparatory to the General Election which is expected to occur in February.

Joint conference of the two bodies is to be held shortly.—Reuter.

EARL OF ATHLONE.

TERM OF OFFICE IN AFRICA EXTENDED.

ROYAL APPROVAL.

Rugby, Yesterday.

It is announced that, at the request of His Majesty's Government in the Union of South Africa, the King has been pleased to approve the extension of the term of office of the Earl of Athlone as Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Union of South Africa for two years from January 21, 1929.

The King has also been pleased to approve a similar extension of the Earl of Athlone's term of office as High Commissioner for South Africa.

The Earl of Athlone will proceed on leave of absence to Great Britain in June, 1928, and return to South Africa before the end of the year.

The Earl of Athlone was appointed Governor-General in 1923.—British Wireless Service.

AIR CHAMPIONS.

AWARD TO LINDBERGH FOR 1927.

A LADY'S RECIPIENT.

Paris, Yesterday.

The Committee of the International Union of Aviators has awarded the international trophy for men in 1927 to Captain Lindbergh. The trophy carries the title "Champion Aviator of the World."

The title "Lady Champion Aviator of the World" has been awarded for the first time, the recipient being Lady Abe Bailey who also received a trophy.—Reuter.

British Champion.

Paris, Yesterday.

The International Union of Aviators has designated the Schneider Trophy winner, Flight-Lieutenant Webster, national air champion of Great Britain. It has awarded the championship of Holland to Koppen for his Amsterdam-Batavia flight.—Reuter.

U. S. DESERTERS.

AID NICARAGUAN REBELS.

THREATENED WITH DEATH.

Washington, Jan. 8.

Two deserters from the United States marines who were captured by the rebel general, Sandino, are believed by marine officers in Nicaragua to be helping in the instruction of the rebel troops.

An official report made public here to-day expressed a belief that the two men agreed to teach Sandino's soldiers under threat of being placed before a rebel firing squad if they refused. The recent attack upon the American forces, resulting in six deaths and some 30 injuries among the marines, showed that the rebel leader's troops were familiar with marine methods.

The marine losses in the recent skirmishes were approximately in proportion to the losses in battles of the World War, indicating the stubbornness of Sandino's fighting. Sandino is reported to have 1,000 rifles, 8,000 rounds of small arms ammunition and some guns of larger calibre. The size of his force is estimated at 200 by the Americans to more than 1,000 by his supporters. In addition to using gun fire, the rebels showered the Americans with bombs filled with glass and nails.

In the absence of positive proof, General John A. Lejeune, commandant of the United States marines, said to-day that he was disinclined to believe that any marine had turned against his comrades in arms.

General Lejeune announced that he was leaving for Nicaragua Monday on the "Trenton," which is taking marine reinforcements to Central America. He said that he expects to remain in Nicaragua about a fortnight and then go to San Diego, Cal.—Associated Press.

CHIEF WHIP.

ORDERED A COMPLETE REST.

Rugby, Yesterday.

Commander Eyres Monsell, Chief Government Whip, has been ordered complete rest and left London to-day with his wife for Jamaica.

Sir George Hennessey will act as Chief Whip during Commander Monsell's absence.—British Wireless Service.

"RED ROSE."

FLIGHT TO BE CONTINUED TO AUSTRALIA.

Singapore, Yesterday.

Captain Lancaster has decided to continue his flight to Australia in the "Red Rose," which has arrived from Muntok, and is being repaired.—Reuter.

MONEY & SHARES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London..... 2/- 1/2
Bank on demand..... 2/- 9/16
Bank 30 days' sight..... 2/- 1/2
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Credits 4 months' sight..... 2/1/4
Documentary 4 months' sight..... 2/1/4

On Paris..... 1265
Credits 4 months' sight..... 1840
On Berlin.....
On New York..... 497
On demand..... 51 1/2
Credits 60 days' sight..... 51 1/2
On Bombay..... 135 1/2
On demand..... 135 1/2
On Calcutta..... 135 1/2
On Singapore..... 87 1/2
On demand..... 87 1/2
On Shanghai..... 100 1/4
On demand..... 100 1/4
30 days' sight (private paper)..... nom.
On Yokohama..... 105 1/2
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)..... 26 1/2
Bar Silver in Hong Kong..... 2% prem.
Chinese Copper Cash nom.
Chinese Copper Cents 6% prem.
Rate of Native Interest..... 7% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin..... 28% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin.....

On London..... 124
New York..... 47 17/32
Brussels..... 34 1/8
Geneva..... 23 1/2
Amsterdam..... 12 09/4
Milan..... 26 1/2
Berlin..... 26 1/2
Stockholm..... 18 1/2
Copenhagen..... 18 1/2
Oslo..... 18 1/2
Vienna..... 34 1/2
Prague..... 16 1/2
Helsingfors..... 18 1/2
Madrid..... 28 1/2
Lisbon..... 2 13/32
Athens..... 36 1/2
Bucharest..... 700
Rio..... 5 16/18
Buenos Aires..... 47 18/16
Bombay..... 1/6 1/16
Shanghai..... 2/7 1/2
Hong Kong..... 2/0 3/4
Yokohama..... 1/11 3/8
Silver Spot..... 26 1/4
Silver Forward..... 26 3/16
—British Wireless Service.

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Bank of China..... 1180 b
do. Lon. Reg..... 1128 n
Chartered Bank..... 121 1/2 b
Mercantile A. & B..... 38 1/2 n
C. G. C..... 814 n
P. & O. Bank..... 610 n
Bank of East Asia..... 472 n

Insurance.

Canton Insurance..... 4590 b
Union Insurance..... 3299 b 300 a
North China Insurance..... 7148 a
Yangtze Insurance..... M. 346 1/2 b
China Underwriters..... 3240 a
China Fire Insurance..... 3245 a
H.K. Fire Insurance..... 3580 a
Shipping.

Douglases..... 4404 n
H.K. Steamboats..... 3264 a
M.K. Tugs & Lighters..... 3280 a
Indo-China (S.S.)..... 430 n
do. (S.S.)..... 438 n
Shanghai Express..... 38 1/2 n
Water-Boats..... 17 1/2 n

Benguet..... 32 1/2 n
Kailan Mining Ad..... 32 1/2 n
Langkate (Commod.)..... 318 1/2 b
do. (S.S.)..... 710 b
Shanghai Explorations..... 32 1/2 b
Shanghai Loans..... 36 1/2 b
Raube..... 34 b
Tromoh Mines..... 17 1/2 b

Docks, Wharves, Godowns.

H.K. & W. Wharves..... 129 1/2 n
H.K. & W. Docks..... 39 n
China Providents..... 44 1/2 b
Hongkows..... 1183 b
New Engineering..... 35 n
Shanghai Docks..... 38 1/2 b

Cotton Mills.

Ewo Cottons..... 37 1/2 b 7 1/2 a
Oriental Cottons..... 31 1/2 b
S'hai Cottons (old)..... 44 1/2 b
do. (new)..... 72 1/2 b

Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.

H.K. & S. Hotels..... 39 1/2 b
Hongkong Lands..... 36 n
Shanghai Lands..... 112 1/2 b
Humphreys Estates..... 114 1/2 b
Hongkong Realities..... 37 1/2 b
H.K. Territorials..... 11 1/2 n
Prince's Buildings.....

Public Utilities.

H.K. Tramways..... 328.00 b 28.80 a
Peak Trams (old)..... 614 a
do. (new)..... 37 a
Star Ferries..... 398 b
China Lights (comb.)..... 114.00 b
do. (old)..... 110 1/2 b
do. (new)..... 37 1/2 b
H.K. Electric..... 38 1/2 b 188 1/2 %/64 a

Macao Electric..... 304 a
H.K. Telephones..... 34 b
China Buses..... 31 1/2 n
Singapore Trams..... 11 1/2 b

Industries.

China Sugars..... 30 1/2 a
Malayan Sugars..... 32 1/2 n
Canton Ices..... 32 1/2 n
Cements (comb.)..... 37 1/2 b
do. (old)..... 37 1/2 b
do. (new)..... 37 1/2 b
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RADIO TOPICS

WIRELESS SERVICES.

STATEMENT BY MARCONI CO.

London, Dec. 4.
 The Marconi Co. has issued a statement pointing out that the company has not been invited to participate in the discussions between the cable companies and the Government. The company discloses that shortly it will inaugurate an American beam service. The statement deprecates talk that a rate war might injure wireless, but says that it would be fatal to the cable services, owing to the present cheapness of installing and operating beam stations. When facsimile transmission is perfected costs and rates are certain, therefore the standardisation of rates and the restriction of wireless is a minor role to keep up the rates. The statement points out the vulnerability of the cable during the war. Britain cut all the German cables, and Germany cut the British Pacific line, the break lasting for six months, but German wireless from Nauen continued throughout the war. It adds that the event of a war in the Pacific naval preponderance would not prevent the cutting of all Australian cables while only the occupation of British territory would stop wireless. The statement emphasises that fading will be overcome, and the present effects will be avoided if Empire wireless is worked as a unit, and the scattered parts are linked up with beam stations. The Marconi company is prepared to submit a scheme for this purpose, and also is prepared to co-operate with the cable companies providing the development of wireless is not restricted.

New Company's Proposals.

Sydney, Dec. 11.
 Mr. G. A. Taylor, president of the Association for Developing Wireless in Australia, stated last night that he had lodged an application with the Prime Minister (Mr. Bruce), asking for permission to establish in Australia a new wireless station for commercial traffic with Britain and other parts of the world. "Empire wireless has been prepared," said Mr. Taylor, "showing that it would be commercially possible to reduce the rates of beam messages 60 per cent. below the present charges, and yet run a wireless station in Australia for international profit. There is sufficient finance behind the new proposal to ensure a first-class radio station being established in Australia for world communication. The arrangements for the establishment of this station are well advanced, but nothing further can be done until the Federal Government has given permission for the erection of the station. One of the guarantees that will be given to the Government will be that this proposed station will be so operated that it will give continuous and reliable service; and that it will not interfere with any other radio station. The object of the promoters is to prevent any combination being made with the controllers of beam wireless and the cable companies to maintain the present high rates for inter-Empire and international communication. The Government will be given a guarantee that all official traffic will be handled by the new station on a basis which will produce 8 per cent. on the cost of erecting and maintaining the station, and this will assure a reduction of more than 50 per cent. on present charges. This, and other matters," added Mr. Taylor, "will be considered at a radio conference to be opened in the Town Hall on Thursday next."

RADIO TELEPHONY.

THE HAGUE TO JAVA.

London, Dec. 7.
 Telegraphic advices received in London from Java report that the first experiment to transmit a Press news service by radio telephony from The Hague was highly successful.

Not only receiving stations in Java received the messages, but newspaper offices in Cairo, Bombay, and Shanghai which, previously were warned, listened in. The Java offices report that the first two sections were good, and the third was excellent, even the voices of the speakers being recognizable. The experiment lasted two hours, and the listeners say that the reception was equal to the local town

WIRELESS PACT.

BENEFITS FOR THE PUBLIC.

Canberra, Dec. 9.
 A statement was issued to-day by Mr. W. M. Hughes, M.H.R., as a member of the directorate of Amalgamated Wireless, on the new agreement, which, he stated, substituted the payment of a fixed sum of 3/ per listener's licence for the royalties of 5/ per licence and 12/ per valve socket on receiving sets. This would be of considerable advantage to the public, as the royalties were waived, and the company quota of the licence fees was reduced from 5/ to 3/ per licence per annum. This would stimulate business, and dealers and manufacturers would therefore benefit. The new agreement provided for the payment of terminal charges by the company, which it was estimated



Sam Pickard, former secretary of the Federal Radio Commission, who has been appointed by President Coolidge to succeed Henry A. Bellows, of Minnesota, who resigned. He was formerly chief of the radio division of the Department of Agriculture.

ed would bring in £40,000 per annum. This could not be done under the old agreement. The agreement provided a new arrangement for coastal services, under which the Commonwealth paid the company, £4,500 per annum to carry on the service, and received 30 per cent. of the revenue derived from it. It was estimated that, on last year's revenue, this would be £12,000. Up to the present this service had shown a loss. The agreement was a good one, said Mr. Hughes, for both the public and the Government. It did in a simple, economical, and practical way what the Royal Commission sought to achieve by a roundabout, costly, and unpracticable method. The royalties were no longer a factor in the problems with which the public and the trader had to deal. All the difficulties had been removed, and the way was open to wireless progress in every direction.

MELBOURNE.

AUDIBLE AT LAST IN LONDON.

London, Dec. 4.
 At last 3LO, Melbourne, was audible at Keston station, between 8.45 and 8.55, Greenwell man. The announcer's statement to the effect that next Sunday 3LO would reduce the wavelength from 36 to 32 metres is hailed with satisfaction by experts of the British Broadcasting Corporation, who expect that it will be more possible to relay. Throughout the transmission to-night the music was too bumpy to attempt to relay, but portions of the programme were heard by telephone from Keston by a party of Australians in London. A musical selection, "Over the Way," was good, together with some parts from a musical comedy. There were indications that the transmitter was modulating badly, though the carrier wave was consistently strong.

telephony, and better than inter-town calls. The speed was 60 words a minute.

SUPER-HETERODYNE

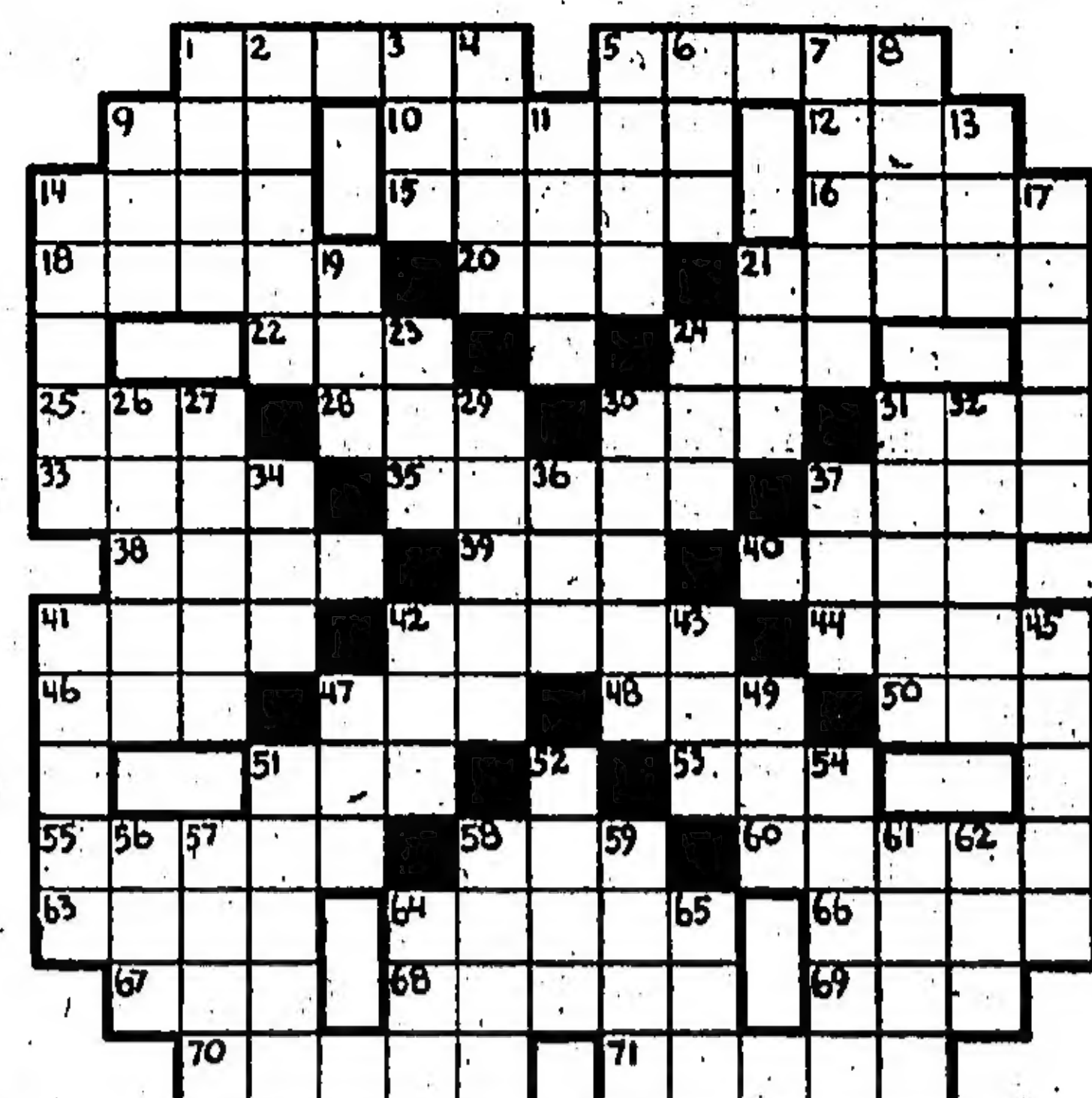
A TALK ON HOW IT WORKS.

"Oh! Bill, got a minute? What's the difference between the super-heterodyne and other receivers? I take it that there is a difference, because those sets are always spoken of with a feeling of awe, of awe by the average amateur."
 "Yes, son, there is a difference. Putting it briefly, a super-het. receives the incoming high-frequency currents, detects them, transfers them to a higher wave length, detects them again, and then amplifies them. If you've got a while to spare I'll tell you—or perhaps I should say I'll endeavour to tell you—why it is so."
 "Every one knows that it is difficult to magnify short wave length signals by employing several stages of high-frequency amplification. The great obstacle is the obtaining of reasonable amplification and selectivity with stability and ease of operation. For if the set is to be really effective it is necessary to employ circuits which can be sharply tuned to the desired signals, and then the difficulty of tuning the many circuits is met with, and usually the whole amplifier oscillates unless it is treated very carefully, or rather skilfully. The instability, of course, results from the stray couplings in the receiver, such as the self-capacity of the valves and the wire and component parts. As the wave-length is reduced, these effects have become more noticeable, because the current which passes through a condenser increases as the wave-length is reduced, and so the reaction effect increases."
 "Now signals on a higher wave-length, say of 2,000 to 10,000 metres, can be amplified comparatively easily, with both good amplification and selectivity. It follows, then, that signals of a fixed wave-length of say, 6,000 metres, can be dealt with to give good results, could length of say, 6,000 metres, could be adapted to give maximum amplification on that wave-length, and the selectivity could be made as desired. Reaction could also be introduced without rendering the instrument difficult to control."

"The super-het. system of reception enables us to take advantage of this desirable state of affairs by changing the frequency of the incoming signal to a frequency which can be easily handled, thus making possible the use of many stages of amplification. At radio frequency, the amplified signals afterwards being detected in the usual manner and amplified at audio-frequency as may be necessary. In other words, incoming signals on a short wavelength are changed into signals of a pre-determined long wave-length, so that they may be dealt with a carefully adjusted longwave amplifier. The fundamental principle is based on the phenomenon known as "beats," which occurs when two vibrations of a slightly different wave-length or frequency interact. This may be noticed, in a more mechanical manner, when two tuning forks are caused to vibrate, one at a slightly different rate from the other, when a sensitive ear can detect three tones, two corresponding to the original notes, and the third compounded of the interference or "beats" between the other two, a note much lower than the others. Again the phenomenon may be observed in an ordinary receiving set, in which is included a regenerative means. If the set is in a state of oscillation, the familiar varying whistle will be heard when the dials are rotated. This is due to the oscillations generated in the set beating with the incoming oscillations, and the compounded effect producing oscillations at audio-frequency, which is generally below six thousand cycles per second. As the frequency of the oscillation in the set is varied, so the beat frequency is varied, and the note changes, the two original oscillations, being probably at one or two million cycles, are not audible. In the tuner the desired incoming signals are selected by a suitable arrangement of coils and condensers, and they are then passed on to the circuit of the first valve, known as either the first detector or the frequency changer. Coupled either to the grid or plate circuit of this valve is the circuit of a separate local oscillator, and this is tuned so as to give a frequency which, when combined with the frequency of the incoming signal, will produce a beat frequency suitable to the following stages of the

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)

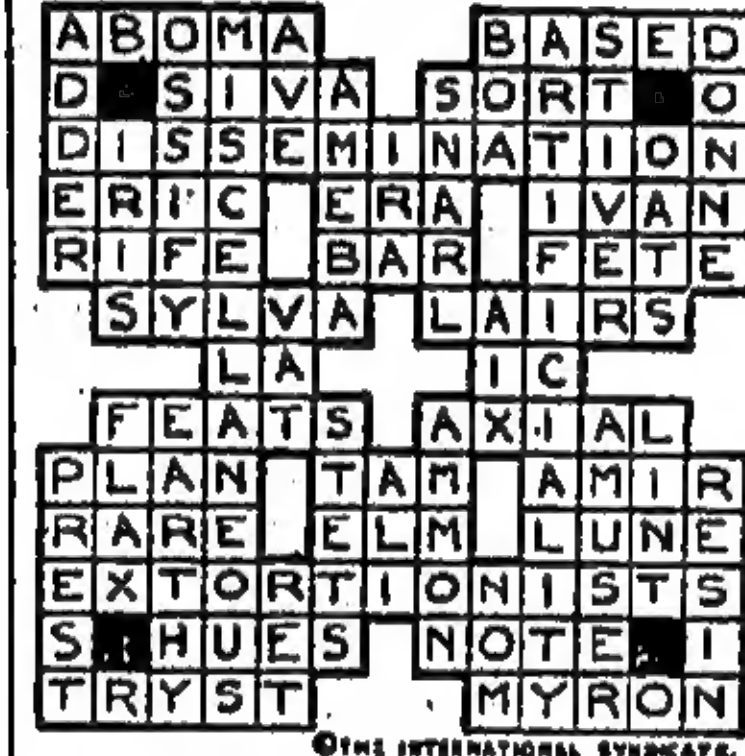


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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1—Used for holding a dog | 55—To throw | 24—Prefix meaning with |
| 6—Perform again | 56—Part of verb "to be" | 26—Two or more metals combined |
| 8—To increase in size | 58—Paralyze | 27—To waken abruptly |
| 10—External | 59—The base of salt | 29—Strength |
| 12—To cut off | 60—Noise | 30—One who walks long distances |
| 14—Half | 62—Census living | 31—A back street |
| 16—Incorrect | 67—Jutting rock (England) | 32—To wash out |
| 18—To let forth violently | 68—To regard with respect | 34—Endeavor |
| 19—Stagger | 69—A compound with one or more electrons | 36—To empty |
| 20—A boy | 70—Even | 37—A petty falsehood |
| 21—A sword | 71—An English poet | 41—A plant of the mustard family |
| 22—Consume | | 42—To err |
| 24—Is able to | VERTICAL | 43—To pet |
| 25—Blamish | 1—Crippled | 44—Remains |
| 26—Talk incessantly | 2—One banished from home | 47—Exhausted |
| 27—Of high temperature | 3—To plant seeds | 48—To yawn |
| 31—A limb of the body | 4—To throw | 51—A delay |
| 33—A slit | 5—To tear | 52—A dolt of words and hard |
| 35—Bear | 6—A unit of energy | (Roman Myth.) |
| 37—Short, quick stroke | 7—Free from dirt | 54—Translation of sound through the air |
| 38—To lie in wait | 8—A grave | 56—A great deal |
| 39—To question | 9—Very small | 57—That which is worshipped |
| 40—Answer for baking pottery | 11—A frog's kinsman | 58—Obtained from sheep |
| 41—Slightly comfortable | 13—American desert | 59—A pretender |
| 42—Brush | 14—Measure of weight (abbr.) | 61—A wild beast |
| 44—Girl's name (short) | 17—Highest suit in cards | 62—A lawmaker |
| 46—A grain | 19—To hang down | 63—(abbr.) |
| 47—Noise | 21—Day of the week (abbr.) | 64—Pronoun |
| 48—A torn piece of cloth | 23—A flap | 65—Without molesters |
| 50—Still | | |
| 51—Source of light | | |
| 53—A realisable substance | | |

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



quency. This is really the most important part of the set, and the coupling units must be very carefully made, and, above all, very carefully matched and designed. It thus requires practically laboratory equipment to construct this part of the receiver. Transformers are generally used, although the tuned anode system is employed. From here it is all plain sailing, as the amplified currents are conveyed to the second detector, which operates in the usual manner. The output from the detector is then amplified in any well-known manner at audio-frequency.

"This system, it may now be observed, has only two tuning controls, namely, the tuner and the oscillator, and may be used with a loop aerial. In fact, it is at its best when used with a loop. There are many varieties of super-heterodyne, but they are all based on the same principles as outlined above. Satisfied, son?"

EMPIRE SCHEME.

MARKED IMPROVEMENT.

London, Dec. 4.
 The "Daily Telegraph" states that although operations at the Chelmsford station have been suspended temporarily, there is marked improvement in transmitting and receiving Empire broadcasting, and it is expected that before Christmas the station will be ready for reciprocal programme. A spaced aerial, spread over a given area, is expected to overcome fading on short waves. Scarcely less baffling, however, is the financial aspect of a permanent Empire service.

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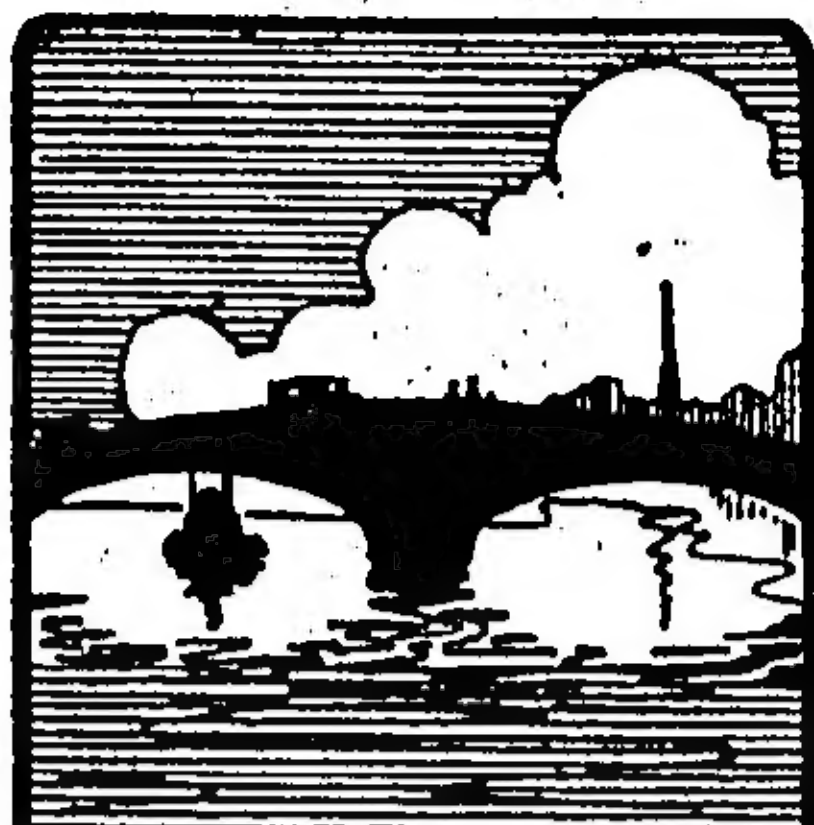
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SHANGHAI FASCISTI.

ousting the bolshevik
element.

SOCIETY'S ACTIVITIES.

At the second general meeting of the Shanghai Fascisti, held on January 9 at the Masonic Hall, the committee which had been carefully selected from amongst those who had expressed their willingness to serve, was confirmed, the proposed organisation and rules were passed and a programme of activity adopted by unanimous votes of the members assembled.

The leader, Mr. B. Pirth, was in the chair, supported on the platform by executive officers of the organisation:—Mr. W. J. N. Dyer, registrar, Mr. C. W. Marshall, treasurer, Mr. A. C. King, acting for the secretary (Mr. H. P. King, who is away from Shanghai at the moment) and Mr. A. de C. Sowerby, who has been chosen by the leader to act in his place in the event of his being incapacitated or out of town at any time. There was a large and representative gathering of members, who showed much enthusiasm throughout.

The Chairman's Address.

After the special business of the meeting had been despatched, the chairman gave an account of the work already done by the organisation. He said:—

"Since our last, or perhaps I had better state, our first meeting which was held in this hall on September 29, 1927, many changes have taken place, the most important of all being the ousting of the official part of the Bolshevik element."

I have no intention of taking up your time by going into the small details of work done, but I can assure you that your executive have not been idle. You have men on your supreme council who have at all times necessary placed their personal affairs on one side, and centred the whole of their energies on the best interests of the community—men of letters, men of the legal profession, business men, etc., but what is most important of all, they are men who have the courage to act and also come out in the open should it be found that the interests of the community would be best served by their so doing.

Soviet Influence in Shanghai.
From the commencement, your party have had ample evidence to show that the root of the trouble has been Soviet influence in China, and unless our Chinese friends could be brought to see that such was the case no improvement could be looked for, and conditions must go from bad to worse. With this in view, the first thing to do was to enlighten the Chinese themselves, pointing out the abyss into which they were falling. At the same time it was realised that when the reaction came the loss of life might be appalling, but nothing to what it would be should the Communist rabble obtain control.

After obtaining the necessary assurances from our Chinese friends that the seeds of reaction had been well sown, it was deemed not only advisable but most urgent that some direct appeal to the officials, both Chinese and foreign, should be made, and the appeal was circulated for signature. The response from many thousands of all nationalities was proof positive that the community of Shanghai had at last awakened to its common danger. The strong articles appearing in the public press in support of strong action being taken are deserving of every praise, and no doubt helped to a great extent.

Nanking Government's Work.
The appeal I have just referred to was not sent in, for while many of the sheets for signature were still out, the Communist attack on Canton was made, and this undoubtedly was the cause of the Nanking Provisional Government taking decisive action. Newspapers have claimed for themselves the credit of having brought about the ousting of Comrade Kozlovsky and his nest of vipers; individuals have taken unto themselves the credit; and no doubt many of you would like to think that the Shanghai Fascisti alone were responsible. Ladies and Gentlemen, only one party was in a position to carry out the eviction of the Bolsheviks and that was the Nanking Government. They did it and are deserving of all praise for having finally taken action. The rest of us must be satisfied in feeling that we helped by giving public expression of our sympathies.

I cannot tell you whether I have or have not received support from those in official positions, for that would be a breach of confidence, but I think I am at liberty to state my own impressions and they are that so long as this party carried on its present policy of supporting law and order we shall have the wholehearted support of the community, both official and unofficial.

Work Only Commencing.
At the same time, I do not wish anyone to leave this meeting with the impression that now Comrade Kozlovsky is no longer in our midst our duties are finished. If

any of you have that impression, please get rid of it at once, for your duties to this community, I might even say to the whole of China, for there are Chinese members among us, are only commencing. No doubt a good start has been made, but it is only a start. The eviction of the Soviet officials from here and elsewhere in China is only a beginning; how can you expect that the growth from the seeds sown over many years can be uprooted and destroyed in a few days? Believe me, fellow members, some of the directing heads may have been evicted, but they have left their spawn behind, and nothing should satisfy this party—and I don't think it will—but the extermination of the whole breed unless they themselves choose to leave this poor war-wrecked country and return to the hell they have made of their own benighted land. If ever for a moment any of you feel like slacking up, think of those police officers, foreign and Chinese, who have recently lost their lives in the execution of their duty, and realise that it is all due to the Communist teachings which have brought out the very worst traits of the naturally unlawful elements.

Membership Badges.

To those who have not already been informed, I should like to state that badges are on sale at Messrs. Boyes, Bassett & Co., at a cost of \$2, but members must present their cards when applying for same and their respective numbers will cut in at the back. The badge is the emblem of the party, in silver with the letters S. F. in the centre and the motto "Non dicta sed acta" surrounding it. The cost of \$2 is to all intents production cost to the makers and your party funds do not benefit in any way by the sale of same.

Although not in debt, your party is in need of funds if they are to proceed with effective work. Possibly my appeal at the first meeting was not sufficiently definite, in any case a response only came from a few, but those few I most heartily thank. Please understand I blame nobody but myself for not being more definite in my appeal for funds. I would now like to make it quite clear that money is needed; no contribution is too small, at the same time, none will be considered too large. I am sure, by your treasurer, Mr. Charles W. Marshall, to whom contributions can be sent in care of the Shanghai Club, and he will grant a receipt for same.

Enlistment.—I really do think it is up to each and every member to enlist new members, and if each and everyone would undertake to enrol ten new members they would be doing their duty by the party. I will now ask Mr. Sowerby to announce the programmes, and possibly he may have a few words in addition to say to you.

Need for Recruiting.

Mr. A. de C. Sowerby then announced the programme of the organisation. He said that, in doing so, he wished first to lay emphasis upon some of the points brought up by the chairman. He considered that the most important thing to be done now was to recruit more members, Chinese as well as foreign, since, for such an organisation as the Shanghai Fascisti to be effective, it must be preponderantly representative of the community. Its cry was "Shanghai for the Shanghai People!" its aims to work for the best interests of the Shanghai community; and it could best make its voice heard and its influence felt if it consisted of practically the whole community.

BURMESE AMOK.

JUNGLE DRAMA AT
AMHERST.

SIX PEOPLE KILLED.

A sensation has been caused in Moulmein (the capital of Lower Burma) by the news of a man running amok so violently that he ultimately had to be shot dead. The incident occurred at Amherst, which is on the coast, and it is reported that the madman either killed or injured half-a-dozen people before he was shot dead by Mr. L. Mitchell upon refusing to give himself up.

The story is that the man, whose name was Tun Gyaw and who was a boatman, doubted his wife's fidelity and began his wild acts by murdering her with a crow-bar. He then killed his mother-in-law with a stick and ran out of the house into the street. People locked themselves within their houses and a man named Tun De went and asked for Mr. Mitchell's protection as his family was in danger.

Meanwhile the madman encountered a Burmese woman on the road and attacking her without provocation or motive severed her head from her body with a heavy Burmese knife. Mr. Mitchell, at this time, with his double-barrelled gun, had gone to the police station, where he was joined by constables. It was said the madman had fled to the jungle, whither Mr. Mitchell and police also proceeded.

They surrounded the hut in which Tun Gyaw was hidden and Mr. Mitchell called on him to come out, when no harm would come to him, and after much talk he appeared with an axe in one hand and a knife in the other. He said he had killed seven people and himself preferred shooting then and there to hanging or the Andamans.

On Mr. Mitchell promising to endeavour to get him lightly sentenced, he became infuriated and charged down upon the group with the axe. Mr. Mitchell fired at his legs but hit the man in the stomach, and he died in hospital soon after admission.

The 1st Field Brigade is leaving Shanghai on the str. "Kalyan" from the Old Ningpo Wharf.

munity; and it could best make its voice heard and its influence felt if it consisted of practically the whole community.

In order to gain recruits, it was necessary to be able to give them definite and exact information regarding the organisation of the Shanghai Fascisti, its aims and programme, and he had pleasure in presenting the last as carefully drawn up by the executive for consideration. These, together with summary of organisation and the rules, would be printed and circulated amongst the members. Recruiting cards could be had from Mr. Dyer, the registrar.

The Fascisti Programme.
The following is the programme which was adopted by unanimous acclamation:—

The main objects of the Shanghai Fascisti shall be—

(1) To protect and promote the interests of the citizens of Shanghai.

(2) To preserve the political integrity of Shanghai as an International Settlement.

(3) To maintain Shanghai as an open port for untrammelled trade between China and the world.

—Immediate Programme.

(1) To co-operate with the Chinese people as far as possible.

(2) To bring about a united policy amongst all residents of Shanghai, regardless of nationality.

(3) To extend the movement to every treaty port in China, and, if necessary, to send delegates but to explain the movement and its workings.

(4) To bring about a better working of the Chinese judiciary system now in existence in Shanghai.

(5) To insist on the proper fulfilment of treaties and treaty obligations as regards Shanghai, pending treaty revision.

(6) To oppose with every available means the imposition of illegal taxes of any description in Shanghai.

(7) To work for the elimination of armed robbers and kidnappers, and generally to insist on and assist in the maintenance of law and order in the Settlement, also to create a reserve force in Shanghai of members of the Fascisti, pledged to turn out when called upon to aid in the defence of the Settlement.

(8) To oppose the functioning of all subversive political groups within the Settlement areas.

(9) To demand and use all methods possible for the expulsion of Communists and labour agitators.

(10) To oppose the Chinese military making use of the Settlements as a refuge. All belligerents to remain outside the boundaries.

After thanking all those who had helped in the work of organising the Shanghai Fascisti and in its activities up to the present, the chairman pronounced the meeting at an end.

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